

Central City Chapter No. 1

GRAND
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF COLORADO.

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1899



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF COLORADO.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation,

DENVER, SEPTEMBER 21, A. D. 1899, A. I. 2429.

MARSHALL H. DEAN, GLENWOOD SPRINGS, G. H. P.
ED. C. PARMELEE, DENVER, G. Sec.

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. GRAND OFFICERS, 1899-1900.

MARSHALL H. DEAN (22), Glenwood Springs.....	G. H. P.
GEORGE W. ROE (14), Pueblo.....	D. G. H. P.
WILLIAM L. BUSH (30), Idaho Springs.....	G. K.
JOHN HUMPHREYS (23), Trinidad.....	G. S.
WILLIAM D. TODD (2), Denver.....	G. Treas.
ED. C. PARMELEE (20), Denver.....	G. Sec.
CROMWELL TUCKER (2), Denver.....	G. C. H.
DAVID R. CROSBY (24), Grand Junction.....	G. P. S.
CHARLES O. UNFUG (27), Pueblo.....	G. R. A. C.
TYLER D. HEISKELL (31), Fort Morgan.....	G. M. 3d V.
SHARON ATKINSON (13), Greeley.....	G. M. 2d V.
JOSEPH W. MILSOM (14), Canon City.....	G. M. 1st V.
ANDREW ARMSTRONG (11), Fort Collins.....	G. Chaplain.
THOMAS LINTON (2), Denver.....	G. Sent.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES H. PEABODY (14).....	Canon City.
WILLIAM D. PEIRCE (2).....	Denver.
JETHRO C. SANFORD (15).....	Durango.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER (29).....	Denver.
HORACE H. DUBENDORFF (18).....	Alamosa.
HENRY T. WEST (13).....	Greeley.

The twenty-sixth Annual will be held in Denver, Thursday, September 20, 1900.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter
OF COLORADO.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

Held at Denver, September 21, A. D. 1899, A. L. 2429.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado met in Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, Denver, Thursday, September 21, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand officers present as follows:

Jethro C. Sanford (15)	G. H. P.
Marshall H. Dean (22)	D. G. H. P.
George W. Roe (14)	G. K.
William L. Bush (30)	G. S.
William D. Todd (2)	G. Treas.
Ed. C. Parmelee (20)	G. Sec.
John Humphreys (23)	G. C. H.
Cromwell Tucker (2)	G. P. S.
David R. Crosby (24)	G. R. A. C.
Charles O. Unfug (27)	G. M. 3d V.
Tyler D. Heiskell (31)	G. M. 2d V.
Sharon Atkinson (13)	G. M. 1st V.
Eleazer W. Sibbald (14)	G. Chaplain.
Thomas Linton (2)	G. Sent.

and representatives from thirty-one Chapters (all but Nos. 9 and 17.)

CREDENTIALS.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following committee:

The Grand Secretary (29).
Isaac N. McCue (26).
Wm. A. Marsh (24).

REPORT.

The committee soon presented the following, which was adopted:

To the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Credentials report as follows: We find the following Grand Officers, Permanent Members, representatives from Chapters and Grand Representatives present:

(GRAND OFFICERS AS BEFORE GIVEN.)

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

Irving W. Stanton (3).
John S. Titcomb (7).
Lawrence N. Greenleaf (2).
Ernest LeNove Foster (29).
William T. Bridwell (14).
Henry T. West (13).
Alphonse A. Burnand (10).
James H. Peabody (14).
William D. Peirce (2).

PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

George K. Kimball (5).

PAST GRAND KING.

Jacob A. J. Bigler (2).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHAPTERS.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are proxies.

1—Central City—

SAMUEL I. LORAH*	H. P
SAMUEL I. LORAH*	K
SAMUEL I. LORAH*	S.

2—Denver—

FREDERICK L. FISKE	H. P.
CALVIN E. REED	K.
WM. W. FIELD*	S.

3—Pueblo—	
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH.....	H. P.
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH*.....	K.
JAMES R. STRUGNELL.....	S.
4—Georgetown—	
JOHN H. BENNETT*.....	H. P.
JOHN H. BENNETT*.....	K.
JOHN H. BENNETT*.....	S.
5—Golden—	
ROBERT FARAGHER.....	H. P.
6—Colorado Springs—	
GEORGE D. KENNEDY.....	H. P.
FRANK R. VAN METER*.....	K.
ERNST M. LOTZ*.....	S.
7—Boulder—	
JAMES E. HUBBARD.....	H. P.
JAMES W. DEVLIN*.....	K.
WM. GOLDSWORTHY*.....	S.
8—Longmont—	
JOHN A. BUCKLEY.....	H. P.
10—Leadville—	
WILLIS A. SHADBOLT.....	H. P.
R. A. CRUIKSHANK.....	K.
11—Cache la Poudre—	
LEWIS C. MOORE.....	H. P.
JOHN E. DAVIDSON.....	K.
ANDREW ARMSTRONG*.....	S.
12—South Pueblo—	
WILLIAM YOUNG.....	H. P.
GEORGE REYNOLDS.....	S.
13—Greeley—	
SHARON ATKINSON.....	H. P.
WM. H. THOMPSON*.....	K.
M. P. HENDERSON.....	S.
14—Canon City—	
HENRY M. MINGAY.....	H. P.
WILLIAM J. DAVIS.....	K.
THEODORE SHOEMAKER.....	S.
15—San Juan—	
JETHRO C. SANFORD*.....	H. P.
JETHRO C. SANFORD*.....	K.
JETHRO C. SANFORD*.....	S.
16—Gunnison—	
WINTER S. RAINBOW*.....	H. P.
18—San Luis Valley—	
FRED W. SWANSON*.....	H. P.
H. H. DUBENDORFF*.....	K.
19—Keystone—	
E. C. BONNELL*.....	H. P.
E. C. BONNELL.....	K.
20—La Junta—	
GEORGE H. WINCHELL.....	H. P.
TALMAI F. GODDING*.....	K.

21—Kilwinning—	
CHARLES A. SPERBER*	H. P.
CHARLES A. SPERBER*	K.
CHARLES A. SPERBER*	S.
22—Glenwood—	
JAMES W. ROSS	H. P.
23—Trinidad—	
HARRY B. BROWN	H. P.
JOHN HUMPHREYS*	K.
24—Grand Junction—	
WILLIAM A. MARSH	H. P.
WILLIAM A. MARSH*	K.
WILLIAM A. MARSH*	S.
25—Montrose—	
CHARLES HIRT	H. P.
CHARLES HIRT*	K.
26—Akron—	
ISAAC N. McCUE	H. P.
DAVID SHONERD	K.
WILLIAM LITTLE	S.
27—Walsenburg—	
FRED UNFUG	H. P.
CHARLES O. UNFUG*	K.
CHARLES O. UNFUG*	S.
28—Telluride—	
IRA E. BROWN	H. P.
IRA E. BROWN*	K.
CHARLES F. PAINTER*	S.
29—Colorado—	
FRANK L. BISHOP	H. P.
JOSEPH C. DRESSER	K.
30—Idaho Springs—	
ANDREW DINGWALL	H. P.
JOSEPH E. CHESTER*	K.
JOHN CHAPMAN	S.
31—Fort Morgan—	
JAMES H. JONES*	H. P.
JAMES H. JONES*	K.
32—Orient—	
FRANK J. HOLMES	H. P.
33—Cripple Creek—	
MATTHEW C. BARKER	H. P.
RICHARD BURKE*	K.
GILBERT W. JONES	S.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Tyler D. Helskell (31)	Alabama
William D. Todd (2)	Arizona
James H. Peabody (14)	Arkansas
Irving W. Stanton (3)	California-District of Columbia-New York
Lawrence N. Greenleaf (2)	Canada

Ernest LeNeve Foster (29).....	Delaware
George W. Roe (14).....	Florida
George J. Dunbaugh (3).....	Illinois
John M. Maxwell (10).....	Indiana
Cromwell Tucker (2).....	Iowa
John Humphreys (23).....	Kansas
Henry T. West (13).....	Louisiana
William T. Bridwell (14).....	Maryland
Joseph W. Milsom (14).....	Minnesota
Marshall H. Dean (22).....	Mississippi
Charles T. Harkison (2).....	Nebraska
Charles O. Unfug (27).....	Nevada
Alphonse A. Burnand (10).....	New Brunswick
Walter D. Salter (29).....	New Hampshire
William D. Peirce (2).....	New South Wales
Charles H. Jacobson (29).....	North Carolina
Jacob A. J. Bigler (2).....	Nova Scotia
Andrew Armstrong (11).....	Ohio
Ed. C. Parmelee (29).....	Oregon-Vermont
Sharon Atkinson (13).....	Quebec
George T. Cooper (2).....	Rhode Island
William L. Bush (30).....	South Carolina
John J. Sherwin (30).....	South Dakota
Calvin E. Reed (2).....	Texas
George K. Kimball (6).....	Virginia
Jethro C. Sanford (15).....	Wisconsin

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter were called before the East, received with the Grand Honors and fraternally welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Past Grand High Priest H. T. West, responded in appropriate terms.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

TO EXAMINE VISITING COMPANIONS.

Winter S. Rainbow (16).
 Fred Unfug (27).
 William Young (12).

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

Horace T. DeLong (24).
 Andrew Dingwall (30).
 Joseph W. Milsom (14).

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

George J. Dunbaugh (3).

E. C. Bonnell (19).

Harry B. Brown (23).

ON FINANCE, MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

John M. Maxwell (10).

George D. Kennedy (6).

William W. Field (2).

ON NECROLOGY.

Lawrence N. Greenleaf (2).

Andrew Armstrong (11).

William T. March (28).

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Colorado:

To this, the twenty-fifth annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, I bid you all a most fraternal greeting and cordial welcome, and by the blessing of the Great I Am we are again permitted to assemble around our sacred altar to offer up our grateful thanks for the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed to us in the past and pray to Him for a continuance of His divine favor and protection.

And now, companions, having welcomed you to this grand convocation, it becomes my duty in conformity to the established custom and requirements of the Fraternity to render you an account of my stewardship.

Before doing so, however, I desire to say that owing to the disturbed condition of our jurisdiction in consequence of "difficulties having arisen among the workmen" employed in one of the principal industries of the state during the latter half of the year (and of which I am closely interested in a business way), I was prevented from doing as much as I had anticipated for Capitular Masonry. Hence it is that my official acts have been few and far between; so much so that I have hardly realized that I have held the high and distinguished position of Grand High Priest for the past year. Regretting that I have not been able to accomplish more I submit my official acts and ask your indulgent consideration of the same.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is with sincere pleasure that I am able to report that our circle of grand officers has not been broken and that we meet to-day as

we parted one year ago. I must, however, remind you that the "Shadow of Death" has fallen on some of the brightest Masons and members of this grand jurisdiction.

Since our last convocation the angel of death has taken away our beloved companion, Past Grand High Priest Oren H. Henry, who entered into eternal rest October 4, 1898, at his home in Denver, at the age of fifty-six years. He was an ardent, earnest and devoted Mason. He served as Grand Master of Masons 1875, and as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in 1877. Since which time he has served on the most important committees of the Fraternity at their annual meetings. In social life he was genial and companionable. His heart was ever open to the cries of the distressed and his hand ever ready to alleviate their necessities.

Past Grand High Priest Horace N. Banks was called to the higher life on June 29, 1899, at the age of fifty-seven years. His death occurred in the city of Chicago, Ill., where he had resided for the past six years. Little can be learned of his family history, as he leaves no relatives, so far as can be ascertained. Comp. Banks came to Colorado in 1872, making his home in the former city of South Pueblo, where he held many positions of trust. Among others he was for a time mayor of the city. He was closely identified with the early history of Masonry of this jurisdiction, being a charter member of Pueblo Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M., and South Pueblo Chapter No. 12, R. A. M. He served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge for five years and as High Priest of his Chapter from 1882 to 1886. He was elected and served as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado in 1884-85.

He has surely borne the burden and heat of the day, and leaves behind him a record of which none may feel ashamed.

Among the number of members of our subordinate Chapters who have joined the great majority, there are two honorable and beloved companions who will be greatly missed this day from our councils—Comp. Byron L. Carr and Comp. George Edward Wyman. To those of us who have had the pleasure of meeting them from year to year at our annual convocation, their council and opinions were valued most highly for their sound judgment and good common sense.

I have also received official notice of the death of the following distinguished companions of other grand jurisdictions:

Florida—William A. McLean, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, died August 22, 1898.

Alabama—William James Rhodes, Deputy Grand High Priest, died August 26, 1898.

Arkansas—Samuel Peete, Past Grand High Priest, died September 7, 1898. James A. Henry, Grand Secretary, died April 25,

1899. James H. Van Hoose, Past Grand High Priest, died May 6,
1899. John J. Sumpter, Past Grand High Priest, died June 22, 1899.

Kansas—John Moses Price, Past Grand High Priest, died October 19, 1898.

Tennessee—Archelaus M. Hughes, Past Grand High Priest, died October 27, 1898.

Iowa—George Andrew Quimby, Past Grand High Priest, died November 21, 1898. Romaine Adrian Whitaker, Past Grand Scribe, died March 23, 1899.

Nebraska—Robert C. Jordan, Past Grand High Priest, died January 9, 1899. William Roberts Bowen, Grand Secretary, died May 6, 1899.

Oregon—Henry S. Strange, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, died March 7, 1899. George M. Stroud, Past Grand High Priest, died April 14, 1899.

Ohio—Charles C. Kiefer, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, died March 12, 1899.

Illinois—Asa M. Blakesley, Past Grand High Priest, died March 30, 1899.

Michigan—Job C. Campbell, Grand Master of the First Veil, died April 13, 1899. Charles R. Bagg, Past Grand High Priest, died August 17, 1899.

Massachusetts—Seranus Bowen, Past Grand High Priest, died April 5, 1899. Walter M. Wright, Grand Scribe, died June 24, 1899.

Texas—Haston Twomey, Past Grand High Priest, died June 14, 1899.

A complete list of deceased companions has been placed with the chairman of the Committee on Necrology, and I earnestly recommend that there be inscribed upon our records a notice in keeping with the eminent position attained by our deceased companions.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed, upon the recommendation of the several Grand High Priests, the following companions as grand representatives of this Grand Chapter:

Florida—Comp. John R. Wetherill, of Jacksonville, December 21, 1898.

South Carolina—Comp. Benjamin Burr, of Beaufort, August 28, 1899.

Virginia—Comp. A. T. Giles pie, Shenandoah, September 16, 1899.

Upon my request and recommendation the following appointments have been made and commissions issued to the following companions as grand representatives of and near the Grand Chapter of Colorado:

Indiana—Comp. John M. Maxwell, of Leadville, vice Comp. George E. Wyman, deceased.

Texas—Comp. Calvin E. Reed, of Denver, vice Comp. Byron L. Carr, deceased.

Virginia—M. E. Geo. K. Kimball, reappointed.

Minnesota—Comp. Joseph W. Milsom, of Canon City, vice Oren H. Henry, deceased.

OFFICIAL BONDS.

Among the first of my official acts was the approval of the official bonds of our R. E. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, each in the sum of \$5,000.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

October 6, 1898, I approved a full code of By-Laws as adopted by Colorado Springs Chapter No. 6.

February 9, 1899, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of San Juan Chapter No. 15, changing the annual dues from \$3 to \$2 per annum.

May 2, 1899, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of Central City Chapter No. 1, changing the annual dues from \$4 to \$2 per annum, payable semi-annually.

June 6, 1899, permission was granted Telluride Chapter No. 28, of Telluride, to change their place of meeting to the new Masonic Temple which had recently been completed and dedicated.

DISPENSATIONS.

Sufficient reason having been shown and of which I deemed for the best interest of the Royal Craft, I have issued the following dispensations:

December 12, 1898, I issued my special dispensation to Grand Junction Chapter No. 24 to publicly install the officers-elect on the evening of December 15, 1898.

December 19, 1898, I issued my special dispensation to Cache La Poudre Chapter No. 11, to publicly install the officers-elect on the evening of December 23, 1898.

January 14, 1899, I issued my special dispensation to Leadville Chapter No. 10 to install the Secretary-elect at a date subsequent to that prescribed by our laws.

DECISIONS.

The major portion of my correspondence during the year has been upon matters of interest to the individual Chapters, and with

but one exception they were of such unimportant nature that they do not warrant any specific mention at this time.

QUESTION—"Would it be proper for a Chapter to receive the petition of a Master Mason, formerly a member of a Lodge whose charter was revoked three years since by the Grand Lodge, the brother not having made application for a dimit or Grand Lodge certificate and who claims he is not a voluntary non-affiliate?"

ANSWER—No. The applicant not being a member of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons (see Grand Chapter By-Law No. 46).

I also desire to call your attention to the many inquiries made in relation to jurisdiction of Chapters over candidates, and the length of time a brother must reside within the jurisdiction of a Chapter before he can apply for the Capitular Degrees. No specific regulation has ever been made by this Grand Chapter which could govern this question. When a brother removes from the jurisdiction of one Chapter to that of another it is especially liable to cause confusion.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Like my predecessor, I am able to report that nothing has occurred to mar the pleasant relations which have existed for many years with sister grand jurisdictions, and from every source can be heard praise and good cheer for Colorado and the companions of the Royal Craft. The same can be said of our own jurisdiction, and I am pleased to say that in all my correspondence with the Chapters and individual members in all sections of our state, not a word was breathed that could be construed of the existence of ill feelings, but all were laboring for the common purpose of the Masonic Fraternity and the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry in their particular locality.

CONDITION OF THE ROYAL CRAFT.

From information which I have been able to gather by correspondence and otherwise, I may safely report that with two exceptions, and these are noted below, our subordinate Chapters have experienced a fair degree of prosperity during the past year. There are, doubtless, some that have increased their membership largely. Others, however, have done little or no work, and their returns will show no material change over the previous year.

No applications for the formation of new Chapters have been received, which is certainly not to be regretted. Although some correspondence to that end was received from a number of companions living remote from a Chapter, yet, upon their showing, I strongly advised them to take no action at the present time. I am strongly of the opinion that it is far better to use all our energies in putting

more life into those now on our roll than to add others that may flourish for a time and when they shall have exhausted the available material at hand, go into decline.

Acting upon the suggestions made by my predecessor last year, I entered into active correspondence with those Chapters which might need some assistance, and, if possible, to devise ways and means whereby a renewed interest could be manifested. I am pleased to report that in a number of cases my endeavors, together with the assistance rendered by the companions directly interested, were crowned with success.

Akron Chapter No. 26, one of this number, reported to me that of their total membership but seven members resided within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, and while this number were both willing and anxious to promote the interests of the Royal Craft and revive the Chapter at that place, their efforts were of no avail for the reason of their not having a constitutional number. That several brethren were desirous of receiving the Capitular degrees, but the Chapter was unable to hold their stated convocation to transact business, and for the reception of petitions, etc.

At a later period, and after considerable correspondence upon my part, and a great effort upon the part of the High Priest, Comp. I. N. McCue, I was informed that a sufficient number was secured, a stated convocation held, and that three petitions for the degrees had been received, but that it would be impossible to act upon the same at the following convocation, as they would be in the same position as previously reported, and requesting that I come to their assistance.

After receiving the several reports and correspondence in this particular case I deemed it both wise and expedient to issue my special dispensation, report of which has already been noted. At this time I am informed that the Chapter has taken on new life and the prospects for the future are very bright.

A very different state of affairs exists with Lake City Chapter No. 9. No returns were made of this Chapter to the Grand Secretary for the year 1898 at the time of our last annual convocation. After repeated requests to the last installed Secretary, I was informed in December that sufficient funds had been collected from delinquent members to meet the Grand Chapter requirements. On the first of the present month I was in receipt of a communication from the former Secretary of the Chapter, stating in substance that no convocations had been held since July, 1897; that there were now but fifteen members on the roll, no funds on hand nor returns made for the year 1899; and that the prospects for the future were no brighter than in past years; and that in his opinion, it was impossible to revive interest in the Chapter. By information received

from other sources I firmly believe that it is useless to longer carry this Chapter on our roll, and would suggest that action be taken at this convocation as provided in Sections No. 27 and 28 of our laws.

Companions, this age of ours is truly a progressive one; we read and learn every day of the great progress which is being made for the betterment of man, of the uses to which electricity, compressed and liquefied air machines can be utilized in hurrying things along. Yet I am of the opinion that the good, old-fashioned way is the best way of advancing in Masonry, and that we should discourage any improvements in our degree machine.

From every grand jurisdiction in the land, Colorado not excepted, the wail goes up that the Chapter is being made the stepping stone to a something beyond. Believing as I do that Masonry is a progressive science and that we should become familiar with its teachings before receiving further light, I was compelled to refuse on several occasions requests for dispensations to confer the degrees without waiting the required time, and also the issuing of a general dispensation to our Chapters for the same purposes as suggested by one of the promoters of the Royal and Select Masters' celebration in August last.

Colorado companions are noted for their large bump of hospitality and of their readiness to assist any good cause, and I am informed that the occasion mentioned was no exception to the rule, yet the part assigned me toward that end was one which I could not consistently perform.

FINANCIAL.

Your attention was called by my predecessor to the necessity of some system of visitation and inspection of the Chapters in this jurisdiction, also to the fact that the expenditures of the Grand Chapter for several years past have exceeded its income nearly \$200 per annum. I can but reiterate what was then reported by him. A slight increase of the per capita tax would enable the subordinate Chapter of the jurisdiction to enjoy the benefit of a friendly call from either the Grand High Priest or his representative.

In this connection I would also call your attention (especially those who are here for the first time) that it has been the custom of our efficient Grand Secretary near the close of our annual convocations, to arise from his chair and donate a portion of his salary, of which he is justly entitled, for the purpose of keeping us from financial embarrassment.

Should reports be true of which we hear so much in the public press, that a wave of prosperity is near at hand, it would seem both right and proper that "Our Ed." should be at the opening. A reso-

lution was submitted at our last annual convocation looking to this end, but action was deferred until this time. I would strongly urge that you take immediate action and not put off longer.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, this report and the views expressed herein, I present in all humility, realizing deeply that my shortcomings are many, but regretting sincerely that I have been unable to do more in return for the distinguished honors which you have conferred upon me. I love the principles of our Fraternity, and in the fifteen continuous years in which I have been in attendance at the convocations of this Grand Chapter I have learned to love every member of it.

Words fail me in expressing my appreciation of the many courtesies shown me by the companions of this jurisdiction; especially is this true of our R. E. Grand Secretary, who has at all times been ready to give council and advice when most needed. May he live many years to do the same for those to follow me. With a deep sense of our duty and obligations, may our councils and deliberations be such as will best serve and advance the interests of Capitular Masonry.

Whatever is wrong, let us correct in the spirit of brotherly love, and that which is right, encourage.

And now, companions, in surrendering to you the emblem of authority with which you invested me one year ago, permit me to again thank you, and while my term of office is nearly ended, yet my services, if needed in the future, will always be at your command; therefore, I will only say au revoir but not goodbye.

Fraternally,

JETHRO C. SANFORD,

Grand High Priest.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Comp. Foster (29), the address was referred to a special committee for division and reference.

The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as said committee:

Ernest LeNeve Foster (29.)

William T. Bridwell (14.)

George T. Cooper (2.)

REPORT.

The committee soon presented the following, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado:

Your special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for division and reference, respectfully report:

That the portion of the address concerning deceased companions of this and other jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That portion relating to the appointment of grand representatives to and from this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That part concerning decisions, dispensations and recommendations, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion relating to an increase of the per capita tax be referred to the Finance Committee.

ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER,

WM. T. BRIDWELL,

GEO. T. COOPER,

Committee.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

WM. D. TODD, Grand Treasurer,

In Account With

GRAND CHAPTER R. A. M. OF COLORADO:

Sept. 22, 1898. To cash balance as per report.....	\$2,083 02
To balance Union National Bank.....	\$27 34
Dec. 5, to dividend Union National Bank.....	\$ 6 82
May 15, 1899, to dividend Union National Bank.....	6 82
Sept. 15, to Grand Secretary.....	1,604 00
Sept. 18, to Grand Secretary.....	60 00 1,677 64
	<u>\$3,760 66</u>
By Warrants—	
No. 196.....	10 00
No. 197.....	5 00
No. 198.....	5 00
No. 199.....	3 00
No. 200.....	100 00
No. 201.....	282 25

No. 202.....	75 00	
No. 203.....	10 00	
No. 204.....	200 00	
No. 205.....	25 25	
No. 206.....	435 60	
No. 207.....	200 00	
No. 208.....	200 00	
No. 209.....	7 50	1,558 60
Sept. 21, 1899, to cash balance.....		2,202 06
To Union National Bank balance.....	27 34	
Less dividends as above.....	13 64	13 70
Total balance.....		\$2,215 76

Total balance as above, for which find certified check for \$2,202.06, Union National Bank certificate for \$13.70 and vouchers for disbursements.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. D. TODD,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The following was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter:

As your Grand Secretary, I submit the following:

Lake City Chapter No. 9 made returns and paid dues for 1898 on December 12, 1898.

DELINQUENTS.

Boulder No. 7, Leadville No. 10, San Juan No. 15, La Junta No. 20, Telluride No. 28, and Colorado No. 29, did not make returns and pay dues within the time required by By-Law No. 31.

Lake City No. 9 has not made returns or paid dues.

San Juan No. 15 made returns and paid dues yesterday.

ERRORS.

Boulder No. 7 does not give date of meetings.

Returns of La Junta No. 20 and Walsenburg No. 27 have no seal.

The returns of Montrose No. 25 were sent back for correction August 30, as neither the returns nor draft were correct, and they have not as yet been returned to me.

(They have since been returned, corrected.—Grand Secretary.)

BOUND PROCEEDINGS.

I have received a bound copy of proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio for 1898, and have placed same in the library of the Grand Lodge. (See Decision No. 2.)

DUES FOR 1899.

CHAPTER	No.	WHEN PAID	Exalted	Members	Amount
Central City.....	1	Sept. 4, 1899	6	73	\$ 63 50
Denver.....	2	August 29, 1899	13	531	304 50
Pueblo.....	3	August 29, 1899	5	66	45 00
Georgetown.....	4	Sept. 5, 1899	---	28	14 00
Golden.....	5	Sept. 8, 1899	---	25	12 50
Colorado Springs.....	6	Sept. 7, 1899	6	156	96 00
Boulder.....	7	Sept. 12, 1899	3	101	81 00
Longmont.....	8	Sept. 4, 1899	6	73	54 50
Leadville.....	10	Sept. 15, 1899	8	102	60 00
Cacho La Poudre.....	11	August 31, 1899	---	63	34 00
South Pueblo.....	12	Sept. 8, 1899	6	101	68 50
Greeley.....	13	Sept. 7, 1899	9	55	54 50
Canon City.....	14	Sept. 2, 1899	8	138	78 00
San Juan.....	15	Sept. 20, 1899	---	67	33 50
Gunnison.....	16	Sept. 2, 1899	---	46	23 00
Salida.....	17	Sept. 5, 1899	---	51	25 50
San Luis Valley.....	18	August 26, 1899	8	53	53 00
Keyatone.....	19	August 30, 1899	6	60	48 00
La Junta.....	20	Sept. 14, 1899	6	53	44 50
Kilwinning.....	21	Sept. 2, 1899	3	71	44 50
Glenwood.....	22	Sept. 7, 1899	---	56	28 00
Trinidad.....	23	August 26, 1899	13	104	91 00
Grand Junction.....	24	August 28, 1899	2	57	34 50
Akron.....	26	August 17, 1899	---	26	13 00
Walsenburg.....	27	Sept. 8, 1899	---	30	15 00
Telluride.....	28	Sept. 13, 1899	3	39	28 50
Colorado.....	29	Sept. 14, 1899	7	139	90 50
Idaho Springs.....	30	August 31, 1899	6	34	35 00
Fort Morgan.....	31	Sept. 7, 1899	3	27	22 50
Orient.....	32	Sept. 9, 1899	3	50	24 00
Cripple Creek.....	33	Sept. 8, 1899	12	67	69 50

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

From Order of High Priesthood.....	\$ 13 00
From Dues Lake City No. 9, for 1898.....	7 50
From Dues, Georgetown No. 4, for 1898.....	50
From Dues, Leadville No. 10, for 1898.....	3 00
From Grand High Priest, for dispensations.....	4 00
From Dues for 1899.....	1,672 50

Total	\$1,700 50
I have paid our Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,664 00
Balance on hand.....	36 50 1,700 50

WARRANTS DRAWN.

Thomas Linton, services.....	No. 196	\$ 10 00
G. W. Emery, services.....	No. 197	5 00
P. C. Johnson, services.....	No. 198	5 00
H. Zaiss, services.....	No. 199	3 00
E. L. N. Foster, correspondent.....	No. 200	100 00
Grand Treasurer, pay roll.....	No. 201	282 25
Grand Secretary, contingent fund.....	No. 202	75 00
Grand Secretary, Jewel.....	No. 203	10 00
Grand Secretary, salary.....	No. 204	200 00
Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter dues.....	No. 205	25 25
The W. F. Robinson Ptg. Co., Printing proceedings.....	No. 206	435 60
Grand Secretary, salary.....	No. 207	200 00
Grand Secretary, salary.....	No. 208	200 00
Grand Secretary, Jewel.....	No. 209	7 50

Total\$1,558 60

The railroads have granted us a one and one-fifth rate for the round trip, for delegates and ladies accompanying.

A statement of the contingent expenses of this office shows a balance due me of \$4.98. Fraternally submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,

Grand Secretary.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION ASKED.

Comp. T. D. Heiskell (31) presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Returns and Work:

Whereas the Lodges located at Sterling, Julesburg and Holyoke are inaccessible to the Chapter located at Akron, for the reason that they are not on direct railroad communication with Akron, and it is a great hardship for the brethren of said Lodges to go to Akron to receive the Chapter degrees, therefore

Be it Resolved, By this Grand Chapter that concurrent jurisdiction be and is hereby given to Akron Chapter No. 26 and Fort Morgan Chapter No. 31.

REPORT.

The committee afterwards presented the following, which was adopted:

We your committee recommend that no action be taken until the two Chapters interested have first passed on the matter.

HORACE T. DELONG,
ANDREW DINGWALL,
JOS W. MILSOM.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, September 21, 1899, 1:30 p. m.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor, Grand High Priest Sanford presiding.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS PROPOSED.

Comp. E. L. N. FOSTER (29) moved an amendment to By-Law No. 46, so that it will read as follows:

46. No Chapter shall receive a petition for degrees or for membership unless the applicant is a member in good standing of some lawfully constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and has been a member at least six months.

Which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Companions E. S. Cohen (6), L. M. Miller (24), and F. W. Swanson (18), were appointed to collect the votes.

The following officers were elected:

Marshall Henry Dean (22), Glenwood Springs.....	G. H. P.
George Washington Roe (14), Pueblo.....	D. G. H. P.
William Luke Bush (30), Idaho Springs.....	G. K.
John Humphreys (23), Trinidad.....	G. S.
William David Todd (2), Denver.....	G. Treas.
Edward Carroll Parmelee (29), Denver.....	G. Sec.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. E. LeNeve Foster (29) presented the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered published with our proceedings. (See appendix.)

REPORT ON FINANCES—PAY ROLL.

Comp. John M. Maxwell (10) presented the following:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado:

We, your Finance Committee, respectfully report that we have examined the annual reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

We recommend that warrants be drawn for the following amounts:

Grand Sentinel.....	\$ 10 00
Janitor	5 00
Elevator	5 00
Fireman	3 00
Grand Secretary, incidentals.....	100 00
Chairman Committee on Correspondence....	100 00
Pay roll, as per list herewith.....	437 00
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	\$666 00

It appears by the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary that the total receipts of the Grand Chapter for the past year were \$1,700.50, and the total disbursements \$1,558.60, leaving an apparent balance of \$141.90; it also appears that the Grand Secretary did not draw his salary for one quarter of the present year, amounting to \$200, which indicates that the expenses of the Grand Chapter are greater than the receipts.

We therefore recommend that Section 32 of the By-Laws be amended so as to read as follows:

32. Each chartered Chapter shall pay to the Grand Secretary annually, as dues, the sum of seventy-five cents for each companion who is a member thereof at the time, and the sum of three dollars for each companion exalted during the year.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw a warrant for the sum of \$200 payable to himself, for one quarter's services during the past year as Grand Secretary.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. MAXWELL,
GEO. D. KENNEDY.

I concur in the foregoing except that portion which recommends that the Grand Chapter dues be increased; in this portion thereof I do not concur.

WM. W. FIELD.

PAY ROLL.

Title and Name	Per diem	Expenses	Total
G. H. P., J. C. Sanford.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 31 10	\$ 34 10
D. G. H. P., M. H. Dean.....	3 00	.....	3 00
G. K., G. W. Roe.....	3 00	4 65	7 65
G. S., W. L. Bush.....	3 00	.....	3 00
G. Treas., W. D. Todd.....	3 00	.....	3 00
G. Sec'y, E. C. Parmelee.....	3 00	.....	3 00
G. C. H., John Humphreys.....	3 00	.....	3 00
G. P. S., C. Tucker.....	3 00	.....	3 00
G. R. A. C., D. R. Crosby.....	3 00	23 00	26 00
G. M. 3d V., C. O. Unfug.....	3 00	5 80	8 80
G. M. 2d V., T. D. Helskell.....	3 00	4 20	7 20
G. M. 1st V., S. Atkinson.....	3 00	2 80	5 80
G. Chap., E. W. Sibbald.....	3 00	.....	3 00
G. Sent., T. Linton.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Committee on Jurisprudence—			
W. D. Peirce.....	3 00	.....	3 00
J. H. Peabody.....	3 00	.....	3 00
A. A. Burnand.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Committee on Correspondence—			
E. L. N. Foster.....	3 00	.....	3 00
H. H. Dubendorff.....	3 00	17 25	20 25
Henry T. West.....	3 00	1 05	4 05
No. 1, S. I. Lorah.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 2, F. L. Fiske.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 3, Geo. J. Dunbaugh.....	3 00	5 80	8 80
No. 4, J. H. Bennett.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 5, R. Faragher.....	3 00	50	3 50
No. 6, G. D. Kennedy.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 7, J. E. Hubbard.....	3 00	1 60	4 60
No. 8, J. A. Buckley.....	3 00	2 00	5 00
No. 10, W. A. Shadbolt.....	3 00	13 60	16 60
No. 11, L. C. Moore.....	3 00	3 30	6 30
No. 12, Wm. Young.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 14, H. M. Mingay.....	3 00	6 90	9 90
No. 16, W. S. Rainbow.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 18, F. W. Swanson.....	3 00	17 25	20 25
No. 19, E. C. Bonnell.....	3 00	4 00	7 00
No. 20, G. H. Winchell.....	3 00	8 70	11 70
No. 21, C. A. Sperber.....	3 00	22 75	25 75
No. 22, J. W. Ross.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 23, H. B. Brown.....	3 00	10 85	13 85
No. 24, W. A. Marsh.....	3 00	23 00	26 00
No. 25, Chas. Hirt.....	3 00	15 25	18 25
No. 26, I. N. McCue.....	3 00	5 40	8 40
No. 27, F. Unfug.....	3 00	9 15	12 15
No. 28, I. E. Brown.....	3 00	25 25	28 25
No. 29, F. L. Bishop.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 30, A. Dingwall.....	3 00	1 25	4 25
No. 31, J. H. Jones.....	3 00	.....	3 00
No. 32, F. J. Holmes.....	3 00	14 20	17 20
No. 33, M. C. Barker.....	3 00	9 40	12 40
	\$147 00	\$290 00	\$437 00

On motion of Companion Cromwell Tucker (2) the report excepting that portion relating to By-Law No. 32 was adopted.

On motion of Companion Wm. A. Marsh (24) the report was amended so as to make the annual dues sixty cents instead of seventy-five as recommended by the committee.

And By-Law No. 32, as amended (making the annual dues sixty cents) was adopted by a vote of sixty-six to twenty-six.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE—CHARTER RECALLED.

The following was presented, and adopted by more than a two-thirds vote:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred certain portions of the address of our M. E. Grand High Priest report as follows:

Your committee approves the official acts of our Grand High Priest in the matter of approval of By-Laws and the granting of special dispensations. * * * *

Your committee is in favor of and recommends the approval of the decision reported, that a Master Mason is not entitled to petition for the Capitular degrees unless in the enjoyment of the provisions of By-Law No. 46.

Regarding the recommendation of our Grand High Priest that a specific regulation should be adopted governing the length of time a brother resides within the jurisdiction of a Chapter before he can petition for the Capitular degrees, your committee recommends that the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be amended by the adoption of the following By-Law:

No subordinate Chapter shall receive and act upon the petition for the Capitular degrees unless the applicant has resided within the jurisdiction of that Chapter during the immediately preceding six months, and shall have been a Master Mason for that period.

And in this connection we beg to recommend that By-Law 57 be amended by adding the following words: "Provided it be not less than six months."

Acting upon the advice and recommendation of our Grand High Priest, we advise that this Grand Chapter recall the charter of Lake City Chapter No. 9, under the authority expressed in By-Laws Nos. 27 and 28 of this Grand Chapter.

We commend the action of our Grand High Priest in refusing to grant special dispensations to subordinate Chapters to rush candidates through the several sublime degrees: we being of the opinion that his action could well be followed by his successors, and that the advice and reasons he has given should receive the earnest consideration of the High Priests of our subordinate Chapters.

That the proposed amendment to our By-Laws presented by Companion Foster and referred to this committee is in our opinion sufficiently covered in the foregoing recommendations.

Fraternally submitted,

W. D. PEIRCE,
J. H. PEABODY,
A. A. BURNAND,
Committee.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF FEES.

Comp. L. C. Moore (11) offered the following amendment to Section 61 of the By-Laws.

Said section to be changed to read as follows:

61. Within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, the several degrees of the M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and Royal Arch Mason shall not be conferred for a less sum than \$25, to be paid by the candidate before the reception of each degree, in such sums as may be required by the Chapter by-laws.

And the same was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

REPORT.

The committee soon presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a proposed amendment to Section 61 of the By-Laws of the Grand

Chapter, report and recommend that the said proposed amendment be not concurred in. Fraternally submitted,

W. D. PEIRCE,
J. H. PEABODY,
A. A. BURNAND,
Committee.

REPORT ON NECROLOGY.

Comp. L. N. Greenleaf (2) presented the following, which was adopted by unanimous vote:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado:

Your Committee on Necrology would respectfully report the following:

It is fitting that we should pause in the midst of our deliberations to pay just tribute to the memories of our departed companions.

Past Grand High Priests Oren H. Henry and Horace N. Banks will be seen no more forever in our Grand Tabernacle. The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address, has given their Masonic data and reviewed their past services in the cause of Capitular Masonry. It is not essential that we should reproduce these details. It remains for us to offer a tender and appreciative tribute to the memory of each of these dear companions. With tearful eyes and sorrowing hearts it is sad to reflect that we have looked into their faces and listened to the sound of their voices for the last time.

"Be strong to hope, O heart of mine!
Look not on life's dark side;
For just beyond these gloomy hours,
Rich, radiant days abide.
Let hope, like summer's rainbow bright,
Scatter thy falling tears;
And let God's precious promises
Dispel thy anxious fears,
For every grief a Lethe comes;
For every toil a rest,
So hope, so love, so patient bear,
God doeth all things best."

Who does not lovingly recall the beaming face and cheery greeting of our dear Companion Henry. From long association he was bound to us by "hooks of steel," he was ever ready to undertake any part of the work to further our great and glorious undertaking, and as he passed through the white veil of death into the inner Sanctuary on high, let us fervently hope that his labors on earth met with a just reward.

Comp. Banks was not so well known to many of our new members, having resided for the past six years in the city of Chicago, Ill., but those of us who knew him well, can bear testimony to his sterling traits of character. For twenty years, while a resident of Pueblo, he was an active and zealous worker in Masonry. In this Grand Chapter he ever rendered faithful and efficient service and his memory will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

When the rough paths and devious ways of this life are made plain, then will we all be able to exclaim:

"He guided by paths that I could not see,
By ways that I have not known;
The crooked was straight and the rough made plain
As I followed the Lord alone.
I praise Him still for the pleasant palms,
And the water springs by the way;
For the glowing pillar of flame by night,
And the sheltering cloud by day.

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"Never a watch on the dreariest halt
But some promise of love endears;
I read from the past, that my future shall be
Far better than all my fears.
Like the golden pot of the wilderness bread
Laid up with the blossoming rod,
All safe in the ark with the law of the Lord
Is the covenant care of my God."

Resolved, That pages be suitably inscribed to the memories of these honored companions.

Resolved, That to our subordinate Chapters who mourn the loss of beloved members, we extend our heartfelt sympathy

Resolved, That a page in our Proceedings be suitably inscribed to the memory of deceased companions in this jurisdiction.

We are painfully reminded by the sad memorials which have been placed in our hands that other Grand Chapters are in sorrow over the loss of active and past grand officers who were loved and honored not only in their own jurisdictions, but wherever Masonry finds an abiding place.

Resolved, That to the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee and Texas we extend our heartfelt and fraternal sympathy for the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of loved and honored companions.

"They are waiting for us in the City of Peace,
 And, whithersoever we fare,
 We shall ne'er find a pathway which leads not at last
 With unerring certainty there.
 They are waiting for us. We are hastening on.
 Each eventide brings us more near
 The shadowy portals through which those have gone
 Whom we miss in our journeyings here.

O silent, O wonderful City of Peace,
 God's outlying villa of rest,
 Where He calls all His children to give them release
 From the tolls that their lives have oppressed!
 O city coeval with time in its birth,
 And the last yet to be overthrown,
 The gathering place of the millions of earth,
 The seaport for countries unknown."

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF.
 ANDREW ARMSTRONG.
 WILLIAM T. MARCH.

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Comp. G. J. Dunbaugh (3) presented the following,
 which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Colorado:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances are very glad to
 be able to report that no case has been brought before them for
 action.

GEO. J. DUNBAUGH.
 E. C. BONNELL,
 H. B. BROWN.

REPORT ON GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Comp. Foster presented the following, which was
 adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado:

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred that
 portion of the Grand High Priest's address respecting the appoint-
 ment of grand representatives to and from this Grand Chapter, re-
 spectfully recommend that the same be confirmed.

ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER,
 HENRY T. WEST,
 H. H. DUBENDORFF,

Committee.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read :

Cromwell Tucker (2), Denver.....	G. C. H.
David R. Crosby (24), Grand Junction.....	G. P. S.
Charles O. Unfug (27), Pueblo.....	G. R. A. C.
Tyler D. Heiskell (31), Fort Morgan.....	G. M. 3d V.
Sharon Atkinson (13), Greeley.....	G. M. 2d V.
Joseph W. Milsom (14), Canon City.....	G. M. 1st V.
Andrew Armstrong (11), Fort Collins.....	G. Chaplain.
Thomas Linton (2), Denver.....	G. Sent.

INSTALLATION.

Grand High Priest Sanford installed Companion Marshall Henry Dean, Grand High Priest-elect, who installed the other elected and appointed officers.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

On request of the Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priest Peabody presented a Past Grand High Priest's jewel to Companion Sanford, our retiring Grand High Priest.

Companion Sanford made suitable response.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following:

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

James H. Peabody (14).....	Canon City.
William D. Peirce (2).....	Denver.
Jethro C. Sanford (15).....	Durango.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Ernest LeNeve Foster (29).....	Denver.
Horace H. Dubendorff (18).....	Alamosa.
Henry T. West (13).....	Greeley.

The minutes were read and approved, and the twenty-fifth annual convocation was closed in AMPLE FORM.

MARSHALL H. DEAN,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. LeParmelee".

Grand Secretary.

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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado:

It has been our duty, as well as pleasure to again receive, read and condense the proceedings of the several jurisdictions, with which you are in fraternal correspondence, and now for the twelfth time submit the result of our labors for your consideration. The proceedings that have come to hand are:

Alabama	1898	Montana	1898
Arkansas	1898	Nebraska	1898
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Florida	1899	Nova Scotia	1898
Georgia	1899	Ohio	1898
Illinois	1898	Oregon	1899
Indiana	1898	Pennsylvania	1898
Indian Territory	1899	Quebec	1899
Kansas	1899	South Carolina	1899
Kentucky	1898	South Dakota	1899
Louisiana	1899	Tennessee	1899
Maryland	1899	Texas	1898
Massachusetts	1898	Vermont	1899
Michigan	1899	Virginia	1898
Minnesota	1898	Washington	1898
Mississippi	1898	West Virginia	1898
Missouri	1899	Wisconsin	1899

These we have arranged in the usual alphabetical order, as no better plan has suggested itself for easy reference, therefore we begin with:

ALABAMA—1898.

The seventy-second annual convocation was held December 5 and 6 in Montgomery. A dark black line on the list of officers present, indicates the decease of the Deputy Grand High Priest.

Colorado was represented by Comp. John B. Christian. Representatives from twenty-five subordinate Chapters presented credentials and participated in the proceedings.

The Grand High Priest, in addressing the Grand Chapter, said:

We have withstood every shock of opposition because our principles are correct, because our foundations are laid deep and broad upon the rock of indestructible truth. These principles it becomes every one of us to study and to absorb and assimilate. They are a strong and proper pabulum for the development of a high order of manhood. No man who squares his life by the teachings of Masonry can be other than a good man from whatever point of view he may be considered.

The Committee on Work reported on the M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. M. degrees, and the report was adopted.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted which fixes the minimum fee at \$30 and permits the degrees to be conferred gratuitously on regularly ordained ministers actively engaged in the exercise of their ministry.

Decatur Chapter No. 38 was removed from Decatur to New Decatur.

The Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters were instructed to file in the office of the Grand Secretary a copy of their Book of Marks.

The grand representatives of Colorado, Tennessee, South Carolina and Kentucky were received and recognized in a manner becoming their official stations.

Membership, 880.

There was no report on correspondence, as no one had been appointed to fill the place left vacant by the calling to a higher sphere of usefulness, that veteran writer whom we all loved to hear from, Comp. Palmer J. Pillans, who for thirty-one years had prepared the report.

ARIZONA—1898.

The proceedings of the ninth annual convocation are certified to on the title page by Grand Secretary George J. Roskrug and the seal affixed. The convocation was held at Globe, November 16, and M. E. James Davidson Monihon, Deputy Grand High Priest, presided. Representatives from five chartered Chapters and a number of Past High Priests were present; also grand representatives from many other jurisdictions, among whom was R. E. Joseph B. Creamer on behalf of Colorado.

The Grand High Priest being unavoidably absent, he sent his address, which was read. It is a brief document and confined to business matters, but shows that under his watchful and zealous care the Royal Craft have prospered. The gain during the year, he tells us, was forty-nine, distributed well among five Chapters, and the membership has reached 263.

The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were reported correct and kept in a neat and creditable manner.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Comp. Prosper P. Parker, reported.

No difference has arisen among our sister Grand Chapters whereby the peace and harmony of the Order have been disturbed.

Business entirely local.

ARKANSAS—1898.

A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters being represented, the Grand Royal Arch was opened in ample form at Little Rock November 17.

There were representatives from forty-four Chapters in attendance and twenty-five grand representatives, among whom we notice Comp. Sam W. Williams for Colorado.

The Grand High Priest's address shows zealous attention to his important duties and a considerable amount of

business dispatched. The following from the address being entirely in the line of our own thought, we copy with great pleasure:

I desire to call your attention to what I believe to be a grave and growing evil, one fraught with serious consequences to our beloved institution. I refer to the practice—far too prevalent—of rushing candidates with undue haste through the several degrees of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry, using them simply as a ladder, so to speak, by which to reach the so-called “higher” degrees. In my twenty-one years of Masonic life I have often been approached by profanes who said: “I want to join the Knights Templar; tell me how to go about it.” I greatly fear that the questions propounded to the candidate in the ante-room of the Lodge of Entered Apprentices are not always fully appreciated and sincerely answered. Since writing my own views on this subject at some length, I have read the admirable address of M. E. Companion William D. Irvine, Grand High Priest of Iowa, delivered August 25, 1898, and therein I find the subject so thoroughly covered that no apology is necessary for quoting it here at full length:

“Under our present system, there is nothing but the black ball to prevent the candidate for the mysteries of Masonry to be so rushed through the various branches of our Order that by the time he reaches the pinnacle of his ambition, whether it be to be entitled to wear a uniform, or an eagle with two heads, or only a modest little keystone, he has such a confused recollection of what he has passed through that if called upon to prove himself to be a Mason he would be fortunate if he were able to tell by what means he first gained an entrance into a Lodge, or the difference between the wages of a Fellow Craft and a Mark Master. If there be nothing more in Masonry to a candidate than the ceremony of taking the degrees, then this system is just what he wants; but it is not desirable for any one who wishes to study the beautiful symbolism of Masonry, who realizes the full import of all our ceremonies and who does not act as though the sole object of his ambition was to see how many degrees he can take in a given space of time. The candidate who advances slowly, who takes time to study as he progresses, and who becomes proficient in the beautiful work and lectures of the several degrees through which he has passed, will invariably make a better Mason, and consequently a better man, than the one who rushes through on the limited express route.”

He concludes with a recommendation that no candidate be received in a Chapter until after he has been a Master Mason for at least six months.

I heartily concur in the recommendation of Comp. Irvine.

He believes in rotation in office. We, however, whilst not entirely opposed to it, do not believe that it should be adopted as a rule; no one should be allowed to feel that he is entitled to promotion.

He made many good suggestions.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommend the arrest of six charters, but leniency was shown in one case, so only five were arrested. They were all on account of several years arrears.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the decisions of the Grand High Priest except one, that concerning the requisite number to transact business. He decided in accordance with the law of the General Grand Chapter and we believe of every other Grand Chapter that has made a decision on the point, but the Jurisprudence Committee, on account of the condition of many Chapters, decide that the presence of five members, with a sufficient number of visitors to make nine, could transact business.

It is hard, and perhaps not proper, to criticise such action, but construing laws to meet particular circumstances is usually a bad policy.

Comp. R. J. Laughlin furnished the report on correspondence to the Grand Chapter, the eleventh time he had performed that work.

He gives Colorado for 1897 fraternal treatment, he wonders whether we can enforce the resolution regarding inscriptions on the Ark. Well, we are free to admit that it is rather a difficult job, but we are making progress, and before long hope to be able to report complete uniformity.

He concludes with his usual good table of statistics, though he apologizes on account of not having received some of the latest data from which to compile it.

CALIFORNIA—1899.

The forty-fifth annual convocation was commenced April 18, with all the grand officers except Grand Chaplain filling their stations. There were also in attendance representatives of sixty-three chartered Chapters, the delegates of one Chapter U. D., together with a number of Past High Priests.

In his address the Grand High Priest mentions a political circular sent out over the signature of the secretary of one of the Chapters, as such. Considering this an improper use of the name of the Chapter, he made a thorough

investigation, resulting in the acknowledgment by the Secretary that it was his own act and completely exonerating the Chapter and its officers from any knowledge of the matter. He then wrote the High Priest:

While it is perhaps true that Comp. ——— has been induced to issue the circular through a mistaken zeal for the interest of his companions, nevertheless it is a matter that can not be passed over in silence. There must be no uncertainty hereafter as to the condemnation that will follow a like violation of our Masonic law, and disregard of one of our most sacred landmarks. You will, therefore, have charges preferred against Comp. ——— for unmasonic conduct and bring him to trial.

The order was obeyed, the companion pleaded guilty and was reprimanded.

In the case of a Chapter having a By-Law which required a companion to have a certain financial standing to entitle him to a vote at the annual meeting, the Grand High Priest decided that only those whose dues were paid to the date of the annual meeting could vote for officers, which was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. With all due diffidence to the ability of these companions, we would say that our opinion would have been that such a By-Law was unconstitutional and therefore void, that one of the rights of membership is that of the selection of officers, and that until a member had lost his membership in some way by legal process, his rights could not be abridged.

Among the list claimed by the reaper he mentions P. G. H. P. Oren H. Henry, of this jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, by reason of necessary absence from the jurisdiction, resigned. Comp. Caswell had served the Grand Chapter as its Grand Secretary for twenty-one years, and Royal Arch Masonry still longer, and done all so faithfully that his absence will be felt more than that of any other companion.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported that though clothed with large discretion it had been conservative and prepared a Constitution upon the old lines, incorporating such laws of the Grand Lodge as would make a complete system. Their report was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was recognized.

One charter, that to Mission Chapter No. 79, was granted.

An invasion of the jurisdiction of one Chapter by another was settled by the Grievance Committee, their decision being that the erring Chapter pay to the other the fees received, though they were considerably less than the fees of the Chapter erred against.

A resolution was passed appropriating a sum for a testimonial to Past Grand High Priest Caswell on his retirement, and a committee appointed to select it.

Comp. William A. Davies makes the correspondence report. He generally pays attention to that part containing the proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood.

Reviewing Canada, he says:

Our companions of Canada are good neighbors, friends and brethren; they wont, however, see any beauty in or need of the Past and Most Excellent Masters' degrees; in fact they would aid and assist a few of our American kickers, without ceremony to heave them over among the rubbish. But the degrees are a part of the American system of Royal Arch Masonry, and no man or body of men has authority to strike them from the position of each in the Capitular system.

Under Colorado we find:

The Committee on Necrology, through its chairman, Lawrence N. Greenleaf, made a brief but mournfully eloquent report.

Commenting on Comp. Hedges' remarks about the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, he says:

True, Companion Hedges, and pity 'tis 'tis true. A universal brotherhood should express its ritual in a uniform language. The language of the Capitular system should be the same in Maine and Montana, in California and Connecticut, and the work of the General Grand Chapter will, in the near future, be recognized as the work of Royal Arch Masonry from the Penobscot to the Philippines.

He thus turns the tables on Comp. Terrell, as we find this:

A certain district deputy in Texas has promulgated this wise saying: "If you are a good Mason you will love your wife, serve the Lord and pay your debts." All of which we commend; but when Comp. Terrell adds thereto, "If you haven't got a wife, get one," we

are inclined to inquire his meaning. Are we to understand, Comp. Terrell, that you advise us, a widower, with three score and twelve years hanging over our old gray head, to get somebody else's wife? Or what shall we do to carry out your sage advice?

Membership, 5,575.

CANADA—1899.

The forty-first annual convocation was held January 25, in the city of Stratford. Most of the officers present were pro tems, but M. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Grand Z., presided. Fifty-nine of the ninety-five warranted Chapters had representatives present. Grand representatives from several jurisdictions were also in attendance, but Colorado's was not in the list. The exordium of the Grand Z.'s address is confined to four lines, and we give it as an example of brevity, where so often the contrary is indulged in:

Once more the flight of time has brought us together in grand convocation, and as is my duty, I proceed to give you an account of my proceedings, and what has occurred since we met last year, in our somewhat extensive jurisdiction.

When, however, it comes to the business he makes a very complete report. He gives as the condition of Royal Arch Masonry that sixteen Chapters are in a stationary condition, seven retrograding and fifty-six progressing.

On the fee for admission, which has been reduced to \$10, he says:

Now, after two years' observation and experience of the reduction, and after hearing the views of many of the Chapters from Windsor to Prescott, I have come to the conclusion that we should retrace our steps in this matter and make the minimum fee for admission \$20 as it was before.

The Grand Superintendents of seventeen districts made full reports of the condition of the Chapters under their care, but as these occupy forty-five pages of proceedings we cannot go into their merits, but will quote from the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry.

The duty of revising the reports from the superintendents of the several districts under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter

has been one of pleasure for the most part to your committee, as the progress made during the past year has been of a gratifying nature. With but few exceptions the reports are full of valuable information as to the work done in and progress made by the several Chapters under their respective jurisdictions. Except in a few instances there has been an increased membership in the various Chapters and all the superintendents speak hopefully of the future.

Also:

It is also gratifying to note that the question of outstanding dues has received considerable attention from the officers of many of the Chapters that had large sum collectible, the result being that large amounts have been received and their financial position thereby much improved.

Your committee also notices that there are quite a number of Chapters that are not carrying any insurance, and the importance and necessity of their so doing can not be too strongly impressed upon the officers to attend to that important duty.

Among the disbursements it is with considerable pleasure we notice the charitable use of funds; everything is not eaten up by salaries, mileage and per diem, fine jewels and other expenses, as is so often the case in jurisdictions on this side of the line. There was a grant of \$1,000 for the hospital for sick children and \$410 for benevolence. A warrant for a new Chapter in British Columbia and for a duplicate charter for one destroyed by fire were recommended by the committee and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Benevolence said:

Your committee again call the attention of Grand Chapter to the fact that the amounts contributed by private Chapters to beneficiaries is not at all in proportion to the amounts asked for and granted by Grand Chapter. In some cases no aid whatever is given by private Chapters, and your committee feel that in future, where such aid is not given, no claims to Grand Chapter should be entertained.

London was selected for the next place of meeting.

From the recapitulation of returns the following interesting figures are obtained:

Chapters on roll.....	96
Total number on roll.....	5,594

Comp. George J. Bennett reviewed forty-two jurisdictions. In his preamble he said:

After a careful review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters in correspondence with us, your committee take pleasure in announce-

ing that the Capitular world is enjoying a season of restful peace and confident prosperity. The advance has not been rapid, neither has it been confined to any section or sections of the continent, but it has been general and of the sure and steady character that invariably precedes a period of activity.

He reviews Colorado for 1897 in a fraternal spirit. Would it were more often the case, as he says on rituals:

Where, as with us, the memorizing is imperative, the appearance in the Chapter of "an aid" would be regarded with surprise.

Referring to the arrangement of the business of Grand Chapters beforehand, by the use of committees appointed at the previous convocation, he remarks:

This has been Canada's practice and we have always found it to work in the direction indicated. True, there have been a few to object occasionally to what they term the "cut and dried" arrangement, but the saving of time, as well as of useless discussion, by the adoption of this system has been appreciated, even by them, in the end.

He believes in the perfect man, and says:

To our thinking the opening of the door to an artificial foot would in a very short time lead to the entry of the peg leg, for fashion it how you may, it is that and nothing else.

CONNECTICUT—1899.

A portrait of Comp. Harry S. Abel, Grand High Priest, is the first thing that attracts our attention on opening the proceedings of the one hundred and first annual convocation which was held at New Haven May 9. All the grand officers were in their stations, and representatives from thirty-eight constituent Chapters in attendance; also nineteen grand representatives, and among them Comp. A. L. Barnes to look after the interest of Colorado.

The Grand High Priest's address was brief and of a business nature.

Three times he found good cause to grant dispensations for balloting without the usual delay.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe made reports of the visits they had made.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased to \$300 per annum.

Both the Committee on Charters and on Grievances reported nothing to do.

A resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That any Chapter may strike from the roll without notice the name of any companion who is in arrears for dues, and who has not been heard from for the seven preceding years.

The report on correspondence, by Comp. John H. Barlow, covers the complete list of American Grand Chapters and ten foreign ones, fifty-four in all.

On cipher rituals he says:

He (Comp. Laughlin of Arkansas) seems to rather advocate the use of cipher rituals. We do not believe there is any necessity for them. The Masonic student, like all others, must acquire his knowledge by careful study, giving it time, patience, perseverance; the ritual, which is only a very small part of Masonry, can be best acquired by regular attendance at Lodge and Chapter meetings, and by diligent inquiring of well informed brethren.

Under Colorado he touches on the same subject:

Is it, in fact, any real help? Our experience is that whatever we learn from mouth to ear remains with us, but what we commit from books needs to be recommitted unless used frequently.

It is true that such is generally the case; we learned the work almost entirely from hearing it, but we also believe that a cipher is a help to recall the order of things.

This is what he says on non-payment of dues suspensions:

We favor suspension in case of willful refusal only, as better both for the Lodge and the suspended brother. We think Comp. Schultz is a little mixed as to the means of restorations. A suspended brother in Connecticut, and in most jurisdictions, has only to make his application, and a two-thirds vote of the Lodge reinstates; while if stricken from the roll, his Lodge membership is severed and can be regained only by a unanimous ballot.

On the actual presence of the charter we find this expression:

Whether it be a landmark or not, it is one of the first things taught the entered apprentice as to what constitutes a Lodge, in connection with the three great lights. No Mason would claim that

a Masonic Lodge could be held without the open Bible actually present, and we think the teaching is equally plain that the charter should be present.

Under Tennessee is the following:

We have often expressed our doubts as to the expediency of the York Rite taking any part in the Scottish Rite quarrels; an effort was made several years since to plant this bogus Cerneau Rite in Connecticut, but no notice was taken of it, except to sound the word of caution, and we presume it is practically dead, as we hear very little of it.

On the right of objection the practice of Connecticut is given, viz.:

We do not recognize this perpetual right of objection; the objecting brother must call for a ballot, and if rejected the applicant has the right to again petition at the expiration of six months.

From his statistical table we see that only two jurisdictions, North Dakota and West Virginia, do not have any Committee on Correspondence. He makes the number of Chapters 2,551 and the membership 207,904 for the forty-five jurisdictions in the United States.

DELAWARE—1899.

On opening the proceedings of the thirty-first annual convocation we are greeted with the genial features of Grand High Priest Harry Galbraith, who now presides over the craft. The convocation was held in the City of Wilmington on January 18, at which time all the stations excepting First and Second Vails were filled by the regular grand officers.

Thirty-seven permanent members, Comp. Benj. F. Bartram, grand representative of Colorado, other grand representatives and delegates from three constituent Chapters participated in the proceedings.

In his address Grand High Priest Lewis W. Flinn makes mention that while death had not entered their ranks, many from other jurisdictions had answered their final summons and gone to their eternal home. He made but one recommendation, viz.:

If Hope Chapter No. 7 does not voluntarily offer to surrender its charter at this session, I recommend that this grand body demand it.

The committee to whom this matter was referred recommended that since it had failed to meet in at least four convocations during the year, that it be summoned to the next grand convocation to show cause why its charter should not be withdrawn.

Of the Order of High Priesthood he said:

In Delaware it is now on a substantial working basis, and I wish to recommend it to the thoughtful consideration of all High Priests and Past High Priests in this jurisdiction. The ritual is interesting and impressive, and the lessons taught are instructive.

This subject I would like to call to the attention of the companions of this jurisdiction who are entitled to receive it. There is always a session of the Council in the evening after close of the Grand Chapter, when the degree is conferred, and no High Priest ought to miss the opportunity. He will never regret it, if he really appreciates the beauties and impressive ceremonies of Masonic degrees.

The Jurisprudence Committee found nothing to report, neither did that on Warrants and Dispensations.

The Grand Chaplain is now made an appointive officer.

There is no regular advancement of officers in this jurisdiction, for the election returns show that the first three officers selected for the year were not in office at all the year before, and most of the others had not previously occupied official positions.

The abstract of returns shows four Chapters which exalted thirty-five and had a net increase in membership of twenty-one, bringing the number of Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction up to 668.

On the memoriam page we find Owen H. Henry instead of Oren H. Henry.

Comp. V. V. Harrison reviews forty-seven jurisdictions, among which is that of Colorado, though it only got there in the nick of time, as it appears out of its regular alphabetical order near the end; however, better late than

never, he seems to have been pleased with our report, but a monitor within warned him to stop, and so he did after some very pleasant remarks.

Comp. Harrison believes the Alabama ruling "that a candidate whose leg had been amputated between knee and ankle, who uses a cork leg and can conform to all the requirements of the degrees can legally be made a Royal Arch Mason."

Under Maine, in the decision that a brother who has lost his right hand although he had an artificial one, was not eligible to the Chapter degrees, he says:

We are not a "physical perfectionist" in its broadest sense, but we are inclined to the opinion that this ruling was right. Now if it was the other hand, we would say no.

He is evidently pretty liberal on the "physical perfection" requirements for the degrees. We have, under Wisconsin, written our views on this subject, and therefore will not again repeat them.

To the following under Florida, we assent, having succeeded in the same way:

They are having the same trouble that many more are having with reference to recording of marks. There is one way out of the difficulty: make it compulsory by law. We did it, and it works all right. Our Chapters can not exalt any one until his mark is recorded.

This on dependent membership is satisfactory to this scribe:

We respectfully ask the companion (J. M. Pearson of Illinois) for his authority for branding dependent membership a *modern fad*. We fail to notice anything modern about it, and further we refuse to accept the doctrine as a fad. We are unalterably in favor of dependent membership. We think that a Mason should as soon forsake the mother that gave him birth, as to forsake the Lodge that made it possible for him to proceed further in our organization.

He expresses himself with Staton of Kentucky as seeing no good in the grand representative system, as now practiced, yet says:

We do believe that if each Grand Chapter required a report from each grand representative, no matter how meagre, great good would grow out of the system, for then many who now forget that

they are representatives would get in touch with the jurisdiction they represent, and possibly become more active and energetic Masons, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

When Comp. Henderson takes him to task for stating that Pennsylvania did a great deal of public installation, he politely steps down from his position, acknowledges the corn and say *peccavi*.

He does not see it as we do, since he believes Wisconsin did the right thing when it defeated an amendment requiring a six months' probationary period between a Master Mason's degree and a petition to the Chapter and "adopted in lieu thereof an amendment requiring a proficiency in the three preceding degrees before exaltation," for he says:

This we believe to be the proper course, as it is a well known fact that ninety-five per cent. of Royal Arch Masons can not work their way into the Chapter.

We agree that the amendment adopted and his remarks are good, but we want to go further and stop the neophyte as he would hastily and thoughtlessly try to press forward to see how many degrees he could attain, without pausing to enter into the spirit of the solemn ceremonies he passes through or understand the full import of the many interesting symbols presented to his view.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1898.

This was the thirty-first annual and it was held at Washington, D. C., on December 14. The only officer not answering roll call was the Grand Chaplain. Among the visitors was P. G. H. P. Milton J. Hull of Nebraska, and P. G. G. H. P. Noble D. Larner, who were appropriately welcomed. The membership is 2,204, a gain of five.

On finance the Grand High Priest said:

The Grand Chapter is a voluntary creation of and by the Royal Arch Chapters of the District of Columbia. Its interests are identical with the interests of its components. It is not a foreign despot imposed upon them from extraneous sources, over which they have no control. As a creation of the Chapters, it should receive the cordial support of its creators to enable it to conduct its operations in that

dignified and untrammelled manner customary in other grand bodies. Some just and generous method should be devised whereby it can have sufficient revenues to promptly meet all legitimate demands. To temporarily tide over embarrassments by borrowing money or selling bonds is of questionable foresight and judgment.

Regarding the recognition of the Grand Chapters of New Zealand and Victoria the Jurisprudence Committee advised, and of course the Grand Chapter concurred, that the matter be left in the hands of the committee for further investigation.

Eighteen jewels for Past Grand High Priests were ordered as a mark of esteem for those officers.

The Grand Treasurer was presented with a handsome gold watch, chain and Templar charm in recognition of eighteen years of faithful service, and the Grand Sentinel was presented with a luxurious easy chair for faithful service as Grand Sentinel since the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1867.

The Committee on Address advised the adoption of the suggestion of the Grand High Priest that statistics of attendance be required with the reports of the several Chapters.

An amendment to the Constitution requiring an exaltation fee to be paid Grand Chapter of \$3 on each candidate exalted was rejected by Grand Chapter, but another amendment making it \$5 lays over till the next annual.

The constituent Chapters report \$1,068.05 expended in charity, or a little more than a tithe of the gross receipts of \$10,406.63.

Comp. William R. Singleton again wielded the pen and reviewed proceedings of thirty-eight grand jurisdictions; however, Colorado did not find a place in the report.

Replying to Comp. Harrison, in reference to exemption from the payment of dues by clergymen in the District of Columbia, who said:

The pay of the average clergyman is much better than that of a very large majority of the average Masons that are not of the cloth.

He said:

Audi alteram partem (Hear the other side.)

The expenses of the average clergyman are much greater than those of a very large majority of the average Masons that are not of the cloth.

Under Ohio he says:

We were surprised to learn from a decision that "a subordinate Chapter can not ballot for all degrees at one time." Of course, it is according to statutory provision, it is correct there; but in our fifty-eight years of Masonry it is the first time we have heard the dictum.

Under Quebec, thanking Comp. Chambers for congratulating him on his health, we find this interesting and satisfactory statement:

We assure him that we are in better health than for many years past, and we feel now "just about right" for an octogenarian, which became a fact October 24, 1898.

ENGLAND.

Circulars for three quarterly convocations, those of November 2, 1898, February 1, 1899, and May 3, 1899, have come to hand.

At two the Earl of Amherst presided, and at that of November 2 Comp. Wm. Wither Bramston Beach, M. P.

At the November meeting Comp. George Richards was invested as District Grand Superintendent of the Transvaal. Eighteen petitions were received and charters granted Chapters at Hatton, Ceylon; Singapore, New Brighton, Cheshire, West Gorton Manchester Lancashire, and at Buenos Ayres.

Friendly Chapter, of Jamaica, was erased from the rolls, which we presume means that the charter was arrested, as no principals or members could be found.

Charters of confirmation were granted three Chapters, the original charters having been lost. This is another way of issuing "duplicate" or "certified copies" of charters.

A number of Chapters memorialized for permission to remove and the requests being reasonable were granted.

The statement of receipts shows £2,113.6.5 received, and £1,537.2.3 expended, leaving a balance on hand of £1,439.7.5. Included in the expenses is £115.1.0.0 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10.10 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £150 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

FLORIDA—1899.

The fifty-third annual was held in Jacksonville May 9 and 10. Comp. J. R. Wetherell was present to look after the interests of Colorado and representatives from thirteen constituent Chapters participated in the deliberations.

The Grand High Priest stated that the gavel in use at this convocation was presented to him by Bro. G. B. Paterson, W. M. of Dade Lodge No. 14, of Key West, and was made from a piece of oak taken from the United States battleship "Maine."

In his address the Grand High Priest notes the loss of the Grand Secretary, Past Grand High Priest William A. McLean. Also in the fraternal dead enumerates P. G. H. P. Oren H. Henry of this jurisdiction.

He said:

Questions as to law have been referred to me, but all have been settled by simple reference to the Constitution and Regulations.

He advised the arrest of the charter of Ocala Chapter No. 13, as notwithstanding every effort to revive it, it appeared dead, and his advice was taken.

He said that the regulation adopted a year previously regarding the recording of "marks" had accomplished little and advised making the record of the "mark" compulsory before the candidate is allowed to receive the Royal Arch degree. Following his suggestion the following amendment to the regulations was adopted:

The Royal Arch Degree shall not be conferred until the "mark" is selected and recorded, unless it be done at a grand visitation by the Grand High Priest, in which case the matter of the "mark" shall be attended to as soon as possible thereafter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that owing to the death of the chairman no report had been prepared. They recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, which recommendation was adopted.

Jacksonville was selected for the next place of meeting.

Membership, 651.

GEORGIA—1899.

The portrait of Comp. Chas. Wessolowsky, Past Grand High Priest 1895-98, is the first thing to greet us in opening the proceedings of the seventy-seventh annual convocation, which was held at Macon April 26. The representatives of eighty-one Chapters participated in the deliberations and grand representatives from twenty-three jurisdictions put in an appearance; however, we could not find that Comp. W. B. Daniel was there to represent Colorado.

In his address Grand High Priest Henry C. Beere had this among many other good things to say:

Companions, Capitular Masonry is to-day a great factor in our spiritual and temporal advancement. It creates in us the lofty desire to live not for self alone. It inspires us with holy thoughts, higher aspirations and nobler deeds. It brings us from the cares here below to a closer communion with the Author of our existence. It gives to the afflicted, relief; to the forsaken, a friend; to sorrow, a tear; to misfortune, sympathy; to weakness, strength; and to strength, that divine support against all the trials of life.

Among the illustrious dead is mentioned Past Grand High Priest O. H. Henry of this jurisdiction.

He issued dispensations for the usual purposes and being within his prerogative the Grand Chapter approved them.

He granted dispensations to four Chapters and at two of them he exalted six teams, triplets, trios, classes, or whatever you please to call them, whilst at the other two Chapters, in one case there was five times three exalted, and at the other seven times three.

Five Chapters were constituted by him or his proxy, and when he was present in one case three were exalted and in another the unlucky number thirteen, but we hope it will not have any evil effect upon the Chapter.

He visited quite a little and kept up his record as a worker, exalting thirty-three and seeing the work exemplified many times in addition.

The Grand Chapter attended the memorial services over the Confederate dead.

The Committee on Ritual reported that the work of Georgia closely conformed to that of the General Grand Chapter and recommended that the ritual reported be adopted as the work of Georgia, as it so nearly conforms with that of the General Grand Chapter. We are sorry that, there being so little difference, they were not at once adopted by the General Grand Chapter in toto, so as to help the matter of uniformity along.

The Relief Committee found no one to relieve.

That the Most Excellent was not called on for any decisions was a matter of congratulation by the committee on Grand High Priest's address as evidence that the law governing the Craft was well understood in the jurisdiction.

The Committee on Grievances recommended the expulsion of two companions found guilty by their Chapter for non-payment of dues, having ability to do so.

It was

Resolved, That all the Chapters in default either in payment of its dues or in making its returns, be required to do so within the next sixty days, or in default thereof that the Grand High Priest arrest the charter of each Chapter so in default, and report his action to our next annual convocation.

On payment of the constitutional charter fee Charters were granted to five Chapters.

A collection was taken up, amounting to \$34, and Grand Chapter appropriated \$66, to remit to a widow in destitute circumstances.

The charters of twelve Chapters were recommended forfeited; two Chapters expressed a desire to surrender their charters; three actually did so, and one asked sixty days in which to liquidate.

At the close of the session there were 108 Chapters on the roll; how many will there be a year from now? The membership reported from eighty-seven Chapters was 3,355.

Comp. W. S. Ramsay makes the report on correspondence. He notes the tribute of Comp. Bennett of Canada to her most gracious majesty, Queen Victoria, and says:

We honor him for the high tribute he pays to his sovereign, Queen Victoria, in the sixtieth year of her reign. No words of

praise can be too exalted in honor of this noble Christian sovereign, who never fails to impress her subjects that their highest and first duty is to God, and that loyalty to her is but loyalty to Him whose instrument she is for the good of her people.

Colorado for 1898 is fraternally noticed.

In Comp. Ramsay we find another advocate of probation of the Master Mason before he is permitted to view the glorious work of rebuilding the Mystic Temple. We are glad to have such good company and believe that in time our views will be carried out.

The non-payment of dues matter is well disposed of in these words:

There is a great deal of time wasted in discussion of the subject of non-payment of dues. All are agreed that the dealings referred to are only intended to apply to companions who are able but refuse to pay. All Chapters remit from inability to pay, and all agree that he who expects to participate in the benefits of Masonry should be willing to bear his part in the support of the institution.

ILLINOIS—1898.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met in forty-ninth annual convocation October 27 in the city of Chicago.

After the opening Comp. William C. Swain, Grand Captain of the Host of the General Grand Chapter, was introduced and responded.

The Grand High Priest granted several dispensations, but all for the one purpose of electing and installing officers at other than the annual convocation. He granted no dispensations for new Chapters. Regarding grand representatives he thought the rule adopted by many sister jurisdictions making commissions expire with the triennial meeting of the Grand Chapter a good one and recommended its adoption.

Half a century has nearly elapsed since the formation of the Grand Chapter, hence it is not surprising to find this:

While it is true that the convocation of 1899 will be the fiftieth since the date of the organization of our Grand Chapter, it is not true that fifty years will have elapsed since that time, it having been organized April 19, 1850, and met in its first convocation thereafter

October 14, 1850; hence I suggest that the celebration of our semi-centennial be held during the annual convocation of 1900. I doubt the propriety of celebrating an event that has not yet occurred.

Two charters were arrested by him, as though the companions attempted to revive them, it was not found feasible to do so.

The officers of the nine districts, who are the subordinate officers and the Grand Lecturers, made report of their visitations and other acts.

A committee was appointed in regard to adopting the work of the General Grand Chapter to report at the next annual convocation.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers congratulated the Chapter on the prosperous condition of the Order, and felt that the thanks of the Craft were due the M. E. Grand High Priest for zealous and proficient labor in the grand jurisdiction during the past year.

One hundred dollars was donated the widow of a Past Grand High Priest and \$500 appropriated for the Masonic Orphans' Home.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was recognized and an exchange of representatives authorized.

The reports show a membership of 16,768 and the healthy increase of 104.

There was no specially interesting business to those outside the jurisdiction.

Comp. John M. Pearson made his thirteenth annual report on correspondence, reviewing forty-five jurisdictions. On the comments of Comp. P. J. Pillans on the necessity of the actual presence of the charter, he says:

In our opinion, this view was universally held in ancient times, but modern Masonry is gradually conforming itself to modern modes.

He fraternally reviews Colorado's twenty-third annual proceedings.

He regrets, and so do we, the following amendment to the Constitution of Michigan.

Section 6. No dimit shall be granted to a companion while he is a resident of the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he belongs,

except for the purpose of organizing a new Chapter; provided a companion having removed from the jurisdiction of his Chapter, and not under charges, nor in arrears for dues, may be granted a dimit upon written application.

He comments favorably, and in our opinion rightly, on the decision of the Grand High Priest of Missouri, that reinstatement by the Lodge when the suspension or expulsion has been action of the Lodge only, reinstates in the Chapter without any action being necessary by the Chapter.

He is of the opinion that the officers of a Lodge or Chapter should not be named in the charter, but that the first official act after the constitution of a Chapter should be the election of the officers who should then and there be installed, and says:

While standing around the Symbolic Chapter, in presence of Grand Chapter, without moving from their places, let the election be held, the Grand High Priest conducting it, and so reporting to the Grand Chapter. Of course the officers may have been previously agreed upon, so that there shall be no confusion and little delay, but let them be elected by a duly constituted Chapter, that is to say, by the newly constituted Chapter.

He favors the General Grand retaining all its powers and does not desire to see any voluntarily relinquished.

Of the Illinois ritual he says:

Our ritual has not been changed by a single letter for more than thirty years. True, there are thousands of companions who are not perfect in it, and we still try to shed true light and Masonic knowledge to all uninformed Masons, and we are not yet out of a job, nor do we expect to be, thank the Lord.

INDIANA—1898.

M. E. Robert E. Woods, Grand High Priest, assembled the fifty-third annual convocation in Indianapolis October 19, and opened Grand Chapter in ample form, and after prayer by the Grand Chaplain declared it ready for the transaction of business.

There were eighty-nine of the ninety chartered Chapters represented and grand representatives from twenty-

five jurisdictions, among them Comp. Daniel McDonald for Colorado.

We clip this from the Grand High Priest's address:

As a grand body our affairs were never better. The prosperity has been our guerdon and the harmony that has been our chief characteristic during recent years still remains to benefit and uphold. Internal dissensions there are none. Bickering and strife have no foothold within our gates. The onward sweep of true fraternity, peace and good will grows daily more strong and irresistible, and may God grant it furtherance to the utmost.

He granted special dispensation to elect officers to a Chapter where charter was restored by the Grand Chapter at the previous session.

Three dispensations to organize Chapters were issued by him.

He issued sixteen edicts to as many Chapters, declaring suspension of functions, provided the current annual report due from each was not placed on file within ten days. It had the desired effect.

On decisions he said:

It is not necessary to encumber the record with opinions which do not reach the dignity of decisions. The usual requests have been made, and questions asked, presumably just for the sake of asking, because in each instance the General Regulations were clear and explicit.

The Committee on Dispensations found fault with the records of a Chapter U. D. which showed two gross violations of law, in that a Lodge of Past Masters was opened and that degree conferred on Masters-elect of Symbolic Lodges. But having the assurance it was done in ignorance and would not occur again, they recommended a charter.

Two charters in all were granted.

The Committee on Claims advised, and Grand Chapter concurred, that the restriction of one hundred pages for the report on correspondence be retained.

The Committee on Correspondence advised the withholding of recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

The statistical table shows a membership of 6,759.

The correspondence report is a review of forty-two jurisdictions by Comp. Thomas B. Long, who for sixteen years has furnished this delectable feast.

On dependent membership he says:

The deepest thinkers and most able writers of the Guild are, however, advocates of freedom of choice when one's purse gets too low to enable him to pay in all departments of Masonry.

Sorry if that is the case, as we shall have to be counted out from the best portion of the Guild, as our views have been in the line of dependent membership, but at all events we shall have the consolation of having some jolly good fellows along with us.

He reviews Colorado and thus speaks of the circular issued by the Grand Master, Grand High Priest and Grand Commander in 1897:

These zealous officials condemn the acts referred to in unmeasured terms, and justly, since in the absence of universal forms for all jurisdictions, and the existence of varying rituals—at least of Lodge and Chapter—in the several states, confusion becomes worse confounded by the use of the “keys” referred to, even if this were not (as they properly contend it is) a direct violation of the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of Freemasonry.

In his conclusion he enters into a considerable discussion with Comp. Drummond on the question of the Royal Arch degree being in reality a part of the Master's degree, and basing on that the necessity of absolute physical qualifications, and ends:

It is again asserted, with unabated confidence, that the candidate for the degrees of Capitular Masonry must be physically able to comply literally with all the requirements of the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry. And this is the law of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1899.

Chickasha was the scene of the gathering of the Royal Arch Masons on September 13 to hold the tenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Only eleven of the twenty Chapters sent representatives, but all the grand officers were present except the

Grand High Priest, who explained his absence in the following from his address, which was read:

Since my election as Grand High Priest at the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, I have been absent almost continuously from the jurisdiction, and I fear the present sickness which has stretched me on my back, so far away from you, will prevent my attendance this year—the first time I have missed Grand Chapter during the five years I have had the honor to be a member of the same.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, who had attended to most of the duties of the office of Grand High Priest, made a brief report of his acts.

A resolution to refer to a special committee of conference with the Grand Chapter of Kansas a matter of infringement of jurisdiction was adopted. The special committee, however, made a report to Grand Chapter, and the matter was placed in the hands of the incoming Grand High Priest to correspond with the Grand High Priest of Kansas.

The committee on Appeals and Grievances disposed of several matters in a satisfactory way to Grand Chapter.

Ardmore was selected as the next place at which to meet, and Tuesday before the third Wednesday in April, 1900, as the day.

Ten per cent. of the money in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, after deducting all appropriations, was donated for the benefit of the Orphans' Home.

All grand representatives were received with appropriate honors, and Comp. Henry Rinker was there for Colorado.

Membership, 922.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. J. S. Murrow, also occupied the chair of correspondent and submitted a report in which Colorado for 1898 receives fraternal notice.

Concluding he says he would like to add a topical page or two and does say the following on "Dependent Membership."

One of the strong advocates of dependent membership has passed into the great eternity. I heard William R. Bowen advocate this doctrine in the General Grand Chapter at Denver, Colorado, several years ago. My judgment approved his position and arguments.

My opinion has never changed. I believe the Lodge is the foundation of all Masonry, and membership in the Lodge is essential to the best interests of all the other degrees. The Master, in the Great Light, says: "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." Humbly and reverently I use these words to illustrate my opinion, that every Mason of every degree should retain vital union with his Lodge.

KANSAS—1899.

The Grand Chapter convened in Leavenworth February 13, and the F. Grand Captain of the Host congregated (what did he congregate?); the E. Grand Marshal announced the approach of the M. E. Grand High Priest, who was received with honors due to their exalted station, and after solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Owing to the illness of the Grand Sentinel, a pro tem. was appointed.

Fifty-nine Chapters sent representatives and from Grand Chapters there were twenty-six, including R. E. Comp. Peter J. Freeling for Colorado.

Distinguished visitors in the persons of M. E. Charles S. Glaspell, Grand High Priest, and R. S. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Secretary of Missouri, were received in a manner befitting their exalted stations.

He extended aid for the Grand Chapter to a widow. He also visited the Masonic Home at Wichita, and felt that he could not too highly commend it, saying:

The Home is near and dear to all of us, as a haven to which the aged brother or sister, when misfortune overtakes them, may go for refuge, and where the orphan may be cared for and educated and thereby become a useful citizen, a credit to society and an honor to the institution of Masonry.

He recommended the enactment of a law making membership in a Chapter dependent on membership in a Symbolic Lodge.

The Grand Secretary recommended the revoking of the charters of three Chapters which were in a bad state of decay.

Under the supervision of the Committee on Ritual, the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master were conferred at a stated convocation in Leavenworth Chapter No. 2, and the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the committee at the next day's session of the Grand Chapter.

The same difficulty seems to occur in all grand jurisdictions of getting accurate reports from the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters, for we find the Committee on Chartered Chapters reporting:

We observe that the names of some members still appear on the returns, without one Christian name being given in full. This fault has been made the subject of comment so frequently that we despair of its rectification, unless some member shall devise a more efficacious remedy than has yet been suggested.

Why not prohibit Chapters from paying any salary to a Secretary until his returns have been correctly made to the Grand Chapter according to law?

In accordance with the Grand High Priest's recommendation, a regulation requiring dependent was passed.

The Grand High Priest was authorized to issue a dispensation to certain companions at Iola, waving the recommendation of the nearest Chapter if, in his judgment, it was best for the interest of Capitular Masonry.

The recognition of Victoria and New Zealand was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, to report at the next annual.

The membership December 31, 1898, was 5,140.

Comp. Jacob De Witt made his fifth report on correspondence and states, that it is for the information of the Craftsmen among whom he makes his home.

He says, and we agree with him and Comp. Barlow, whom he quotes:

We believe that willful refusal to pay dues, when able, is an offense against Masonry, and should be so treated.

Quoting what had been said by Comp. Barron of South Carolina, about the starting of a Colorado Chapter by sixteen Companions and its support by a Lodge, he remarks, we think correctly, "Our experience would lead us to say that it must needs be a *very good* Lodge."

Colorado was just in time to get notice before the conclusion, but receives fraternal comment, still he respectfully declined our advice to adopt the ritual of the General Grand, as until their new ritual is complete he thinks they will keep to their own, as they prefer it to that of the General Grand. Whilst we know nothing about either the old or new ritual Kansas uses, all we can say is that there is no accounting for taste.

Forty-nine jurisdictions were reviewed.

KENTUCKY—1898.

The annual convocation was held October 18. Grand representatives to the number of twenty-two were present, among the number Comp. James W. Staton for Colorado. Representatives from fifty-five Chapters out of the seventy-one were in attendance. M. E. James William Hopper, Grand High Priest, was in the Grand East.

He commenced his address thus:

The rush of our planet through nearly 600,000,000 miles of infinite space has brought us again to the days of autumn and the gold of October. Again, by the favor of the Great Architect, we are permitted to meet in annual communication. The year just ended has been one of peace and prosperity to the Royal Craft. We have been favored with an increase in our numbers, and as I trust and believe, with a corresponding growth in zeal and usefulness. For these favors our thanks are due the Supreme Architect.

Though he felt that degrees should be deliberately conferred, he was constrained to grant all dispensations asked for "to hurry up."

He was lenient with delinquent Chapters and evidently preferred Grand Chapter or somebody else to perform funeral obsequies.

There was no doubt he would have something to say about "The Home," and consequently we find the following:

It is not in order to close any annual address without a reference to our Widows' and Orphans' Home, so dear to all our hearts. It is the ripened fruit of Masonic charity, organized and reduced to a system. I am informed that the Home, during the past year, has been prosperous. It is necessary to remember, however, that the real

foundation of that home is laid in the hearts of the Masons of Kentucky, and that it deserves and should receive our untiring care and attention.

One Chapter working U. D. was granted a charter, and in another case a new charter ordered furnished without charge to replace a charter lost by fire.

Two hundred dollars a year for five years was voted for the Old Mason's Home.

The incoming Grand High Priest was requested to convey the regrets of the Grand Body to the Grand High Priest of Indiana on account of certain invasions of jurisdiction by one of the constituent Chapters on the border, and endeavor to agree upon some plan by which sister Chapters on the borders of the two states may use material which may be most accessible.

On the second day P. G. H. P. Isaac Jones Thurman, of Tennessee, was a visitor and received with honors.

King Solomon Chapter No. 5 exemplified the ritualistic work of the Mark degree.

Membership, 3,049. .

A report full of good and interesting matter, well selected from the quarries of other jurisdictions, was presented by Comp. P. G. H. P. James W. Staton, being his eleventh. Colorado for 1897 comes in for its share of fraternal comment.

This from his review of Maine in discussing the dependent membership question, is all right:

Suffice it to say that we are unalterably opposed to any boasting of the number of degrees in Masonry he has attained, and parading great watch charms and immense rings on his hand and get dimitted from the very body which laid the foundation for him to wear at this great show, and refusing to contribute a cent to aid in sustaining the crowning glory of Masonry, which is charity, we think ought to be dimitted all along the line. We have no patience with a man who boasts of being Knight Templar, or a thirty-second or thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Mason, and yet not contributing a cent to aid in sustaining a Masonic widows' and orphans' home, when the chief sustenance of those homes comes from Blue Masonry sources.

LOUISIANA—1899.

The two days' session of the fifty-second annual convocation was held February 14 and 15 at New Orleans. Representatives from fifteen subordinate Chapters answered roll call and the grand representative of Colorado was also present.

M. E. George W. Bolton, Grand High Priest, presided, and addressing the companions, said:

If we have honestly endeavored to discharge the duties and obligations incumbent on us in our daily lives and have not shrunk from responsibility when required or demanded by the vows we have voluntarily assumed, then we may console ourselves with the fact that our work will stand the test of the "Overseer's Square" and in due time we shall be rewarded.

A dispensation for a new Chapter was granted.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a gain of twenty-nine companions.

The Committee on Work reported a Monitor prepared, but insufficient funds to print the same.

The edict of non-intercourse with the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, adopted in 1886, was rescinded, annulled and rendered void *ab initio*.

Comp. Herman Cope Duncan condensed into eighteen pages the proceedings of sister jurisdictions, but found nothing of interest to record from Colorado.

We do not concur in either of his criticisms found under the head of Missouri. First, "that life membership is simply a remission of dues, and is subject to the well being of the Chapter. If it is necessary, a Chapter can rescind a resolution remitting dues, provided the latter action is not retroactive."

A Chapter having accepted a stated amount for life in lieu of an annual amount, certainly has no moral right, perhaps after a year has elapsed, to say to one who has selected the life amount, we are tired of our bargain, and though you have paid perhaps twenty times as much as our annual rate you must now continue to pay the annual rate the same as the rest of us. No, that is neither justice

nor right. Once a Chapter has granted a life membership, it is estopped from taking it away; it can change its regulation and refuse to grant more life memberships, but that is all.

Next he says:

We know of no reason why one or all of the companions should be prohibited from deputizing other companions, or all present unite in deputizing a single companion, from casting their votes.

We think the Grand High Priest of Missouri was right when he ruled "That an officer could not be elected by a single ballot." Attempting to do by motion what the law says shall be by free ballot, is only a means of whipping the old gentleman around the stump, and should not be indulged in. In some cases no harm may be done, but it is liable to lead to abuse and thus to do harm.

Membership, 1,135.

MARYLAND—1898.

The annual convocation for the one hundred and first year of the existence of this Grand Chapter was held at Baltimore November 8. Two dark lines in the list of officers present indicate that the R. E. G. King and R. E. G. Chaplain have entered a higher and more complete tabernacle. When the standing committees were appointed, Comp. Edward T. Schultz was again made the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. He returned his grateful acknowledgments for the reappointment for the twenty-fourth year, but was constrained to decline because of his loss of vision, and urged the appointment of some other companion in his stead.

Pleasantly disregarding the suggestion of Companion Schultz, and with assurances of its fraternal consideration, the Grand Chapter, however, confirmed the appointment, unanimously, by a rising vote.

Sixteen Chapters had representatives in attendance.

The Grand High Priest opened his address with the following:

The first century is closed with honor to the Craft, and the second is begun under favorable auspices so far as the prosperity of our noble Order is concerned; peace, harmony and good will prevail in our midst; prosperity has been awarded us as the reward of devotion to duty; our predecessors in the Order in this state labored a century with untiring zeal and devotion to the principles of the Order, and to them is due all praise for our glorious heritage. It is for us of the present day to look forward, ever being sensible of the great responsibilities with which we are entrusted; to preserve intact the grand structure, so that it will not crumble, decay nor degenerate while in our keeping, that we may likewise deserve honorable mention for preserving and handing to our successors, unimpaired, a work of which we need not to be ashamed.

The business of Grand Chapter was routine, no important matter was brought up.

The membership is 1,880.

Notwithstanding his misfortune Comp. Schultz made a report on correspondence. He states:

I have had read to me the reports of most of the Grand Chapters of the different states, and the pleasure it has afforded me was only marred by my inability to comment upon them as of yore. To do this, however, was impracticable and I must be content to say a few parting words upon subjects in which I feel an especial interest, and with which I must deal rather from reminiscence than by way of reply to the recent writings of other correspondents, leaving to my successor to take up the lines and discuss the new questions now under consideration.

He deals with many topical matters and his views upon them are well worthy of perusal. Some of his remarks on the inalienable rights of a Mason I will copy, though I do not entirely agree with him, believing that membership in a Lodge is proper and essential.

A Mason thus made becomes possessed of certain rights in the Fraternity, which may be summarized as follows: The right to travel in foreign countries, to converse with every other Mason upon the subject of Freemasonry; the right to visit every Lodge under certain restrictions; the right in times of danger or necessity to ask relief from other Masons. From these rights and privileges, in my opinion, no Lodge or Grand Lodge can rightfully deprive him unless for the commission of an offense against the *Fraternity*, and then only after trial and upon conviction.

But there are other rights and privileges which he may obtain upon the payment of certain yearly or quarterly dues, in addition to the above. These are the rights of membership in a particular Lodge, which are the right to a voice and a vote in all matters coming before the Lodge and upon applications for entrance into the Fraternity, as well as in the selection of its officers; to participate in all Masonic processions; to relief from the Lodge funds and Masonic

burial at his demise. These Lodge rights and privileges he may at any time relinquish, voluntarily, upon payment of his dues and asking for his dimit; or he may forfeit them by neglecting or refusing to pay his dues. Surely a forfeiture of such Lodge membership rights is sufficient punishment for voluntary or involuntary non-affiliation.

In the following we entirely agree:

Let the applicant for the mysteries of our Fraternity clearly understand that it is an honor, a great privilege, that he solicits, and not that he is conferring a favor upon the Fraternity, as I fear is too often the case. Let the newly-initiated brother clearly understand that, while it may be possible he may receive many other degrees hereafter, there is none higher, grander or more important than the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Though he tenders a profound and touching adieu to his companions and friends, not expecting again to join the circle in making future reports, the action of the Grand Chapter in so unanimous a manner forcing the chairmanship of the committee, makes us hope that we may yet again hear from this worthy though stricken companion.

MASSACHUSETTS—1898.

An excellent engraving of Comp. Seranus Bowen is the frontispiece to these proceedings, and we are glad to see his intelligent and genial face, though we shall never more behold it on this globe. This excellent Mason has been called to rest. During the entire year of his service he had been ill and unable to attend to the duties of his office, and soon after that term closed he also passed away.

The customary quarterly convocations were held in March, June and September, but nothing of interest to outsiders occurred.

At the annual held December 13 the first thing was an exemplification of the work of the degrees by R. E. Harry Hunt, Grand Lecturer, presiding in the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, and E. Edward J. Sartelle, Grand Lecturer, presiding in the Past and Royal Arch degrees.

The entire exemplification took a very high standard. Its distinguishing features may be said to be found in its correctness, its faithful interpretation of the lessons portrayed by the ritual, and the evenness with which each officer rendered his part of the work to his associates.

Seventy-one out of the seventy-four Chapters were represented; also thirty-six Grand Chapters, yet in that great number we do not find the name "Colorado."

The Deputy Grand High Priest delivered the annual address, alluding feelingly to the circumstances under which they met, different from any former occasion, the absence, because of illness, of the Grand High Priest.

His dispensations were few and of minor importance. He said:

The returns of the subordinate Chapters show no abatement in the interest which has characterized the jurisdiction in recent years. The reports of the deputies give evidence of prosperity, of which we find proof in a substantial gain in membership, as will be more clearly set forth in the "Abstract of Returns."

Routine business occupied the attention of the Grand Chapter.

Membership, 15,557.

M. E. Comp. Past Grand High Priest J. Gilman Waite presents his first attempt at a report on correspondence, which is certainly a most creditable one, and we have enjoyed reading what he has to say about the forty-eight jurisdictions which appeared upon his table. In his preamble he says:

Omitting to enter upon the discussion of several questions which have of late years occupied the attention of the veterans at this round table, I have, by quotation and reference, only brought to your attention those things which it seemed profitable both for present and future reference, and now submit the result of my labors for your inspection, trusting they may not be found wholly unworthy of your approval.

He reviews Colorado for 1897 and has this flattering remark to say about it:

This jurisdiction appears to have given attention to the making of Masons rather than to the constitution of Chapters. The fact that its numerical order, after a period of almost a quarter of a century, is still unbroken, proves that wisdom has been shown in the granting of dispensations to form new ones.

To the doctrine of dependent membership he says he is diametrically opposed, and gives reasons for the belief that is in him. Sorry we have to differ, but such is life and variety of opinion with which mankind is endowed.

But we do not always disagree, for in the case of the Michigan law refusing dimits to residents of the jurisdiction, we seem to be in accord. He says:

At first sight this seems the most arbitrary and drastic attempt at coercion that we have ever met. It goes so far beyond what the most enthusiastic advocate of dependent membership would ask for that we are amazed at the ease with which it was run through. It absolutely leaves a companion no voice in the matter on the point of convenience, either pecuniarily or socially, but declares that he shall *stay and pay* whether it be for his personal interest or not. We do not bespeak them any happiness in the enforcement of the law.

We should judge from his remarks under New Hampshire that he inclines to a liberal construction of the physical perfection dogma.

MICHIGAN—1899.

As a frontispiece to the transactions of the fifty-first annual convocation the bright and intelligent features of Grand High Priest Charles M. Norton are presented.

The Grand Royal Arch Captain wrote his regrets for not being able to be present or to continue to meet with Grand Chapter, as his business took him to another state.

The Grand High Priest in his address mentions our loss of P. G. H. P. Oren H. Henry.

On the death of the General Grand Treasurer, Comp. Daniel Striker, an effort was made to retain the treasurer-ship in the state, which was successful, and on the recommendation of his companions P. G. H. P. William Wente was appointed to that office by the General Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest met the Grand Lecturer at several places, where he held schools of instruction, and he recommended a Monitor to be published by authority of the Grand Chapter, to be prepared by a committee to report at the next annual.

Membership, 13,413.

The Grand Lecturer made a report of his visits. He suggests that the grand-body adopt some form of record so that the Secretaries may know the way their minutes should be written.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution, etc., advised the printing of 1,000 copies with wide margins, to be distributed to members of the Grand Chapter, and that the High Priest of Chapter be fraternally requested to cause the same to be read in their Chapters, so as to enable the companions to thoroughly canvass the proposed changes and come to the next annual convocation well equipped to act upon the changes.

An exaltation fee of \$2 and dues of 40 cents, with some exceptions, was made the law.

A charter was granted to a Chapter which had passed a satisfactory probation U. D. and now bears the No. 138.

Detroit was chosen for the next place of meeting.

Following the suggestion of the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer were appointed a committee to draw up a form of record for subordinate Chapters.

The preamble to the correspondence report says:

No one member of the committee can lay claim to all the honor, or will have to take all the censure that comes from the preparation of this report, as it is the joint production of all three members.

Colorado fell to the lot of Comp. James C. Bemiss, who briefly reviews our twenty-third annual.

Companion Conover having been asked to point out the landmark violated by a law which suspends from all Masonic rights for voluntary non-application in the Lodge continued for twelve months, answers:

The landmark thus violated is the immemorial usage of the Craft, which always has allowed a brother, who does not belong to the Lodge, to remain a Mason, losing, of course, the benefits which he would derive from the Lodge organization.

The explanation that it is done to reach the numerous class who are using the Chapter degrees as stepping stones to the Commandery, and who, after reaching that point, have no further use for the other degrees, does not satisfy him, for he says:

We do not think the game is worth the powder. If candidates are of such a character as that would indicate, it ought to be known, and they ought not to get even into the Chapter, and all these attempts to compel men to remain members of an organization are absolutely futile, and therefore do more harm than good.

Referring to the statement that Pennsylvania pays no mileage and per diem, Comp. George H. Greene says:

Yes, Companion Africa, that is true, but only a few are there, those in Philadelphia or near there where it costs nothing to attend. The rest of the state is without the benefits of attending. If it is good for those in and around Philadelphia to be there, it would be good for all the other Chapters to be represented.

We believe it would be to the interests of the Royal Craft of Pennsylvania if provisions were made to pay the expenses of representatives so that every Chapter might be represented.

In Michigan no substitutes are allowed.

MINNESOTA—1898.

The gavel sounded in the Grand East October 25 in the city of St. Paul, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was duly opened and 4,916 craftsmen were duly represented by delegates from forty-seven out of the fifty-eight constituent Chapters. Owing to the recent death of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Oscar L. Cutter, whose portrait appears opposite the title page, the hall was draped in black and the Deputy Grand High Priest presided. Sister jurisdictions to the number of fifteen had grand representatives in attendance, and Comp. Fred A. Noble looked after the interests of Colorado.

The address of the Deputy Grand High Priest said:

By a sudden visitation of the will of Divine Providence, which on Sunday, September 4, "unexpectedly, in the midst of life, duty and usefulness," and on the eve of his preparations for this meeting, removed from this earth our beloved companion, Oscar L. Cutter, Grand High Priest, it became my duty, under the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, to assume the duties of Grand High Priest until this meeting, which I did upon official notice from the Grand Secretary.

He compiled to the best of his ability the report of the work of the Grand High Priest, which he found had been kept in a methodical manner, and presented it.

Two dispensations for new Chapters had been granted by the Grand High Priest.

From reports of ten out of the fifteen District visitors he concludes:

It is gratifying to state that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering and the membership increasing.

The Committee on Accounts and Finances recommended the presentation of jewels, after the design adopted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to Past Grand High Priests in good standing as members of subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction, but the recommendation was not adopted.

No important matter appears to have come before Grand Chapter; local and routine business was therefore the order.

Condensed into ninety-one pages are the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, but Comp. Thomas Montgomery, by whom the work was done, tells us "it is written *solely* (italics ours) for the information and instruction of our Minnesota companions, and to be of any practical value must be read."

We think he might have been a little more liberal, and at all events have included his companions of the Guild. But our duty was to search the ruins and if we found anything of value bring it up, therefore at the risk of bringing down upon our head the ire of our worthy companion for having the temerity to disobey his order, we have read the report, and worse than that, are about to use parts for the information of the Royal Craft of the Centennial State. We hope he will cast the mantle of Masonic charity over our impudence.

In reviewing Colorado, he appears to have thought that the loss of Past Grand High Priests and Deputy Grand High Priest, mentioned in Comp. Peabody's address, was that of this grand jurisdiction, whereas they belonged to the grand jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

On the Past Master's degree he said, and so do we:

We are opposed to the conferring of any Masonic degree, to any practice that will detract from making the proper impression on the mind of the candidate, or that will disgust or offend any self-respecting gentleman. Our sublime teachings are often dissipated by attempts to make sport at the expense of the candidate.

MISSISSIPPI—1898.

The fiftieth annual convocation was held at Water-Valley February 9 and 10, at which M. E. Comp. Frank R. Jenkins, Grand High Priest, presided. His portrait appears as the frontispiece. In his address he said:

"We have made some progress during the past year. Several dormant Chapters have been revived and our numbers have been increased."

The Grand Secretary, who for twenty-eight years has occupied that position, gives a brief history of the Grand Chapter on its fiftieth annual convocation, although it completes its fifty-second year, as in the war years of 1862 and 1863 there were no convocations. He presented to the Grand Chapter a signet ring of pure gold and handsome design to be worn by the Grand High Priest during his term of office and passed on to his successor, as is done in Texas and Utah.

The Grand Lecturer reported what he had done toward organizing dormant Chapters. He had evidently been quite zealous in his work.

No business of special importance was transacted.

This is the general summary that Comp. P. M. Savery makes in the beginning of his correspondence report:

The crop of 1897 has been gathered, the products of different plantations, governed by their respective managers or Grand Secretaries, have been through our reportorial compress and are herewith delivered.

The samples are largely long staple and none class lower than strict good middling, therefore entitled to highest market rates. None of the crop is sand or water-packed, but vouched for as strictly up to sample.

We have had hard work to compress the Past Master and its accessories, even with a Drummond Screw, as the Canada Press would not work, and in that jurisdiction future planting of Past Master seed is prohibited, nevertheless, it is still cultivated in the United States on account of its *oil* and *meal*.

The ritual of the General Grand Chapter advertised as seed most prolific, is coming into general use, and with the aid of Hendricks and Speed Fertilizer, is warranted to be profitable, even at 4 cents.

Dependent membership thrives in most all fertile soils, and is highly prized by such planters as have used it for many years.

Non-payment of dues is a disease worse than rust or boil worm, and non-affiliation creates wall flowers in the social element of Masonry.

He found enough in our proceedings of 1897 to devote nearly two pages to them.

MISSOURI—1899.

On turning the leaves of the transaction of the fifty-third annual held at St. Louis April 27, the first thing to attract our attention is a portrait of Grand High Priest Charles S. Glaspell, who at that session retired from the exalted position he had held for the past year. He occupied the Grand East during the session. Comp. Ira V. McMillan was present for Colorado and representatives from eighty-six out of the ninety-six constituent Chapters were also in attendance.

On this occasion some distinguished visitors received a fraternal reception—Comp. Joseph E. Dyas, Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter; Comp. Wm. Kuhn, Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter, and Comp. Almon R. Dewey, P. G. H. P. of Iowa, each of whom made short and appropriate addresses.

In his annual address the Grand High Priest stated that he had not been called upon to make any decisions during the year.

Of dispensations he said:

As usual, the calls for dispensations were numerous. I am pleased to inform you but few requests have been made for dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions in less time than is allowed by law.

These remarks also have the right ring:

If the degrees are worth receiving, they are worth careful study. My observation is that those who have waited the allotted time prescribed by law, and carefully studied the sublime truths taught, are the ones who best appreciate them.

He visited twenty-four Chapters and conferred 244 degrees, an average of over ten for each Chapter. Evidently candidates must have flocked down on every occasion to receive the degrees from the Grand High Priest.

His experience convinced him, as we believe it does every Grand High Priest who visits his Chapters, that official visitations are important and productive of much good. This is what he says:

I was greeted by a number of companions with: "I am glad to meet you. You are the first Grand High Priest that has ever visited this Chapter in an official capacity. We have always paid our Grand Chapter dues, but we country fellows are forgotten." Only those who have been present can realize the enthusiasm and good cheer that is created among the companions by these official visits.

The Masonic Home, the pride of every Missouri Mason, of course receives mention and commendation. The report of its superintendent shows receipts, \$15,103.67; expenditures, \$9,179.04; balance on hand, \$15,063.88. It has 114 inmates—girls, boys, old ladies and old brethren.

A cut of the monument erected over the grave of M. E. Comp. James W. S. Mitchell, first Grand High Priest of Missouri, at Griffin, Georgia, is included in the volume and the whole action of the committee who had the matter in charge is reported.

In the necrology suitable mention is made of Comp. Oren H. Henry, Past Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction.

The Committee on Finance recommended the remission of dues of an aged companion and former member of a Chapter which had surrendered its charter, who was poor and desired to die a companion in good standing, which, it is unnecessary to say, was done.

One charter was granted.

This resolution is a good one and appeals to all Grand Secretaries:

Resolved, That the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters be required to report the given names of the members in full, alphabetically arranged, in all subsequent annual reports to the Grand Chapter.

The announcement was made that Mrs. Matilda A. Higgins, a widow, had in her last will and testament bequeathed \$10,000 for the benefit of the Masonic Home.

Membership, 6,924; an increase of 138.

The twentieth annual report of Comp. Wm. H. Mayo on correspondence is as interesting as usual, and replete with much useful data and information. Of Colorado, under the charge of Comp. Wm. D. Peirce, he says:

The address of the Grand High Priest bears unmistakable evidence that the office was no sinecure.

Having in our last report noticed the absence of our grand representative from the 1898 convocation, the absence is thus explained, which is ample excuse:

Captain I. V. McMillan was at the head of his company of Missouri volunteers, ready to do battle for a righteous cause in freeing a down-trodden people.

Whilst reviewing Oregon he says, and we agree:

From this northwestern corner of the confederacy (and we love the term "confederacy") of Grand Chapters we have formed a term that strikes us as most appropriate. It is: "Returns of Constituent Chapters." Who elect a Congressman? Not his subordinates, but his constituents. Who created the Grand Chapter of Oregon? Was it not the chartered Chapters? We must, therefore, conclude that "constituent" is a far better word to use than "subordinate," and will adopt it in future; and we quote for authority to do so the famous enunciation of one of the chief magistrates of the United States: "A government for the people and by the people."

From his conclusion is:

We have again made our annual tour throughout the entire United States, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec, and have found the Royal Craft in a very healthy and prosperous condition, with very little, if anything to find fault with, and many, many things to praise.

His valuable statistical table shows that the proceedings reviewed contained 8,328 pages, which will give to our companions some idea of the work of a correspondent, who has to condense these into fifty or one hundred pages. From this table we also learn that the number of subordinate Chapters in the United States and British North America are 2,727, with a membership of 216,334.

MONTANA—1898.

A 150-page book, bound in a deep red cover, contains the proceedings of the convocation numbered nine, which occurred in the city of Helena, September 13. It appearing from the Grand Secretary's preliminary report that the fourteen chartered Chapters had made returns and paid dues, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulated the Craft that though death had reaped an abundant harvest, yet the official family circle had been mercifully spared. Regarding the condition of the Chapter he said that when it became evident he could not visit the Chapters he sent out circulars to the High Priests designed to secure information, from which the showing was on the whole favorable, but in the matter of examination of candidates he thought there was neglect and said:

The candidates at the time are not conscious of the loss and perhaps congratulate themselves on escaping a trying ordeal, but they are nevertheless defrauded of part that is due them, and will never be as bright, interested and zealous Chapter Masons as if the law were complied with in both spirit and letter.

The request of New Zealand for recognition was granted.

Through the breaking down of a coach the returns of a Chapter U. D. did not arrive, and a committee was appointed to examine them upon their arrival, and upon their favorable report to the Grand High Priest it was left to him to reissue the dispensation.

The tenth annual is to be held in Helena.

The recapitulation of the returns shows 811 members, a net increase of 54. That the Knights Templar in the jurisdiction number 374 and the Master Masons 2,850.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges gives another of his excellent correspondence reports without any scissors. He reviews our twenty-third annual convocation. He has evidently misunderstood the condition of our ritual and thinks we are still tinkering, but bless you, Comp. Hedges, we got through with that long ago. We adopted the General Grand Ritual in 1893 and have never made any change.

He says we were mistaken in reporting that the requirement of proficiency before advancement was repealed, which we are glad to note.

The Temple is probably safe, and but little chance that we shall have to take to an ark. The income from the building, under the good management of the mortgage trustees, is ample to take care of the interest charges and also affords a sinking fund.

He says:

The best remedy for the general complaint about neglect to record marks is to make it easy and sensible by using the initials of each one's name in the form of a monogram.

He thinks Comp. Long is too deeply infatuated with the dogma of the "perfect youth," saying that he (Long) ignores the fact that among English Masons his landmark of "perfect youth" has never been recognized as such.

He is also perfectly in accord with our views on the following:

There should be at least six months between raising and advancement, and time enough between the several degrees to become familiar with the lectures. Candidates can not realize the injury they do themselves by being advanced too rapidly, and those who know better should interpose good advice.

On the dependent membership requirement, he says:

But it does seem to us that the old regulation states it clearly as a duty that every Mason should belong to some Lodge, and if "England expects every man to do his duty," surely Masonry should expect as much. We confess that it is hard for us to accept any usage, however hoary with age, that does not commend itself to our reason. We feel like Gallileo, rising from his recantation, "the world still moves."

And this regarding low fees also meets our approval:

We do not admire the action (of Missouri) in reducing the fee for the degrees to \$20. Wise economy is to be commended and cultivated, but cheap Masonry is a poor thing. Our English brethren do well in always making a point to inquire if a candidate has the means to live creditably.

These words under Wisconsin will also bear a great deal of thought:

We declaim and legislate against non-affiliation, and still harbor a custom that supports it. So far from this requisition of unanimity being a landmark, it is a modern innovation. It is not even

requisite in England in the acceptance of a profane, much less should it be applied in the admission of a brother or companion. Masonry should not lend a hand to foster feuds among brethren. If there is good ground for objection that will bear the light of statement and investigation, let it be known and the offending one be disciplined. Our obligations ought to mean something, and those obligations create mutual duties to which the relation of Lodge membership can neither add nor detract much. It is a duty of every Mason to be a member of a Lodge and Chapter and contribute to its support and benevolent work. It ought to be a very strong and good reason that allows one brother to stand in the way of another's doing his duty. We are not bound to make boon or bosom companions of every member of the same Lodge, but we are bound to subdue prejudices, reconcile differences and treat each other more than civilly. It is the proud boast of Masonry that it seeks to establish the relation of true brotherhood among men.

Again we must add one more quotation, as it so eminently fits our own line of thought:

On a recent occasion in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina an eminent brother said, if asked what made him a Mason, his first most natural response would be "the Oxford Asylum." In English Lodges dues are paid to the Fund of Benevolence as regularly as other Lodge dues. It has seemed to us that Masonry in this country has been too long and too much neglectful of this highest duty, which should be the delight and would be its crowning glory. Dues have been lowered to furnish fine temples, and luxurious quarters, and sumptuous banquets, and costly regalia, and presentation jewels, but only recently has Masonry seemed to awaken to a realizing sense of its higher mission to establish homes, asylums, hospitals, etc. Charity, relief, benevolence—the same essential substance under varied names.

NEBRASKA—1898.

In Omaha at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of December 14, the thirty-second annual convocation was opened with twenty-five of the fifty-two constituent Chapters represented.

Comp. Francis E. White appeared as the grand representative from this jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest was absent on account of illness, but the Grand Secretary was instructed to telegraph him:

The fraternal good wishes and greetings of the Grand Chapter and to express sympathy in his illness and the hope that he may be soon restored to health and happiness.

He sent a short address and letter containing his official acts, which, owing to his illness commencing when he had barely entered upon his duties, were few in number and unimportant.

The Deputy Grand High Priest having had considerable work, also made an address. He alluded to the loss by death and mentioned ours of Past Grand High Priest Oren H. Henry.

The Committee on Returns and Work report a net loss of forty-eight in membership, the total being 2,919 on October 31, 1898.

Omaha was selected as the place for the next annual convocation.

A resolution introduced at the last annual against incorporation of the Grand Chapter was adopted.

Comp. Charles J. Phelps, acting for the entire committee, submitted his seventh report. He emphasizes the advisability of using full Christian names, for wherever initials only have been used, he gives the initial followed by a long space, showing something is missing. We are right with him on that subject, being quite a crank on it ourself.

He defends the position of Nebraska on the requirement of a High Priest to receive the Order of High Priesthood before being installed in a subordinate Chapter. Whilst we do not consider it a wise policy, still, as Comp. Phelps says, it is one the Royal Craft in Nebraska have a right to adopt if they so desire, and so long as they are satisfied no one else has any reason for complaint.

He gives a very friendly and pleasant review of Colorado for 1898.

On enthusiasm in Chapters, he says:

The writer has for a long time been of the opinion that the presiding officer in a Lodge or Chapter should possess qualifications and "enthusiasm" sufficient to instruct the Craft, as his opportunities to do so are better than those of a Grand Lecturer, who visits for a day or two only, and that with such a presiding officer there is no need for a Grand Lecturer. Without a competent member for Master, or High Priest, the Lodge or Chapter will never succeed, and the sooner any given body learns the necessity for such membership the better for that body.

NEVADA—1899.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons commenced its twenty-sixth annual grand convocation in Virginia City on June 12, completing its labors the following day. Its seven subordinate Chapters had representatives present. The Grand High Priest confined his address to official acts; visited some of the Chapters, but was not called upon for any decisions. He recommended that candidates be required to learn the lecture of each degree and pass examination before advancing to a higher degree, and his recommendation was put in force.

Concluding, he says:

And now, companions, it is with pleasure that I can make the same report as my predecessor. While the gains are not so large as last year, yet to me it looks as if Capitular Masonry is on the road to prosperity in the state.

Gold Hill Chapter No. 8 sent a communication surrendering its charter, which was accepted.

A request from Virginia Chapter to have the Grand Chapter confer the Royal Arch degree on some candidates was complied with, and Grand Chapter exemplified the work in the evening.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was recognized.

Comp. Jason S. Burlingame appeared to represent Colorado.

Comp. A. D. Bird added his mite to the proceedings with his third report on correspondence, in which he reviews forty-five jurisdictions. When he came to Colorado he found some interesting items for the perusal of the companions of his jurisdiction.

Nevada requires the "Mark" to be recorded before the Royal Arch can be conferred.

We have some personal acquaintance with the conditions in Nevada, and can back up Comp. Bird's statement that "were the circumstances fully known, none would question that Nevada had done the best that it was able," when a little over a year ago, by means of special dispensations, it cut a Gordian knot and placed some of its Chapters on their feet again.

The membership increased five and now numbers 308.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1897.

This is getting rather ancient history, as the tenth annual convocation was held in the city of Saint John August 25, 1897, more than two years ago, yet it has not appeared on our table before, and therefore needs mention.

Representatives of seven Chapters were in attendance, and fourteen grand representatives were also present, but no one appeared for Colorado. Past Grand High Priest John W. Ruhland, of Nova Scotia, was cordially welcomed and saluted with the honors.

This, from the address of M. E. John V. Ellis, Grand High Priest, is worthy of quotation. Though in line with what has been said by many others, it can not be too often repeated by those who love Royal Arch Masonry:

But I strongly renew my appeal to all our companions to confer the degrees in such a way as that they shall appeal to the moral nature of the candidate in the strongest possible manner.

And on this subject the Committee on Address wisely added:

These degrees, so solemn in their conception and instructive in their detail, should above all others be worked in such manner that the seriousness of the occasion may be impressed upon the mind of the candidate.

He stated that owing to delays caused by the death of the Scribe E. of Mount Lebanon Chapter of the Scottish Registry, the consummation of the union of that Chapter with the Grand Chapter had not been completed, as expected. However, at the end of the proceedings we find this note by the Grand Secretary:

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter is glad to state that, since the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, arrangements have been completed between the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Mount Lebanon Chapter of Chatham, formerly of the Scottish Registry, by which Mount Lebanon Chapter is placed upon the roll of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick.

This, also from the Grand High Priest's address, we quote:

The Royal Arch degrees maintain their firm hold on the Craft in every jurisdiction whose proceedings I have read during the year, and the great lesson of Divine guidance and support which they inculcate are not without influence upon the hearts of us all.

Past Grand High Priest Ruhland, of Nova Scotia, addressed the Grand Chapter at considerable length, and gave a concise history of the formation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia and of their adoption of the American ritual and also of the Order of High Priesthood, which had worked well in Nova Scotia.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1898.

The eleventh annual convocation was held in the city of Saint John August 24, all the grand officers filling their stations.

Eight Chapters represented and numerous Grand Chapters, but no one answered for Colorado.

He discusses at some length the proper policy in regard to the charters of the Chapters that formed the Grand Chapter, and concludes that new charters are unnecessary—that affirmation of the old ones is entirely sufficient.

The terms upon which Mount Lebanon Chapter affiliated with the Grand Chapter are given.

Nothing further than routine business was transacted.

NEW JERSEY—1899.

The representatives of 3,373 Royal Craftsmen met in forty-third annual convocation May 10, 1899. Thirty-one Chapters were represented and thirty-one Grand Chapters. A reception to these latter was accorded, and they were welcomed with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry. Among the number was Comp. Charles Bechtel, for Colorado.

The address of the Grand High Priest was well prepared. In view of the occurrence of dispensations being required to elect and install officers on account of the regular day falling on a holiday, he advised the change of the regulation governing the matter, so that it would be avoided. The committee to whom the matter was referred concurred in his views and it was changed.

The returns received by the Grand Secretary and the reports made by the Council officers indicated to him that the year had been fairly prosperous.

The Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand King reported that they had visited all the Chapters assigned to them.

In the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers is this:

We note with interest and concern the increasing list of waivers of jurisdiction, and are of the opinion that the asking for and granting of such waivers is generally unnecessary and should be discouraged.

Three committees, viz.: those on Appeals and Grievances, Charity, and Unfinished Business, reported nothing to do.

The Grand High Priest having decided that a by-law exempting Past High Priests from dues was entirely within the province of the Chapter, but probably inexpedient, the Grand Chapter by its constitution disagreed and adopted the following:

A by-law of a subordinate Chapter exempting Past High Priests from the payment of dues is unmasonic, and the adoption of such a by-law is prohibited.

Whilst we believe that such a law would be inexpedient, the reason stated that it would be unmasonic does not appeal to us, as we do not see wherein the unmasonic part comes in. Forms for application for affiliation and the degrees were recommended and adopted, but there does not appear to be anything new in them.

A resolution prohibiting unaffiliated Royal Arch Masons of more than six months' standing visiting was adopted.

On account of the severance of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Washington the recognition and visitation of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was prohibited.

We find upon the memorial page to Past Grand High Priest James H. Durand this very unusual announcement:

Stricken with death while holding the gavel in the performance of Masonic duty.

The foreign correspondence report was made by Comp. Geo. B. Edwards. Among the forty-six jurisdictions reviewed is found Colorado for 1898, of which he said:

"Unfailing courtesies, fraternal words, deeds of kindness and pleasant associations," formed the garland that adorned the pontifical year of Comp. William D. Pierce.

In the case in which Comp. Peirce decided, and Grand Chapter agreed, that the King should succeed to the office of High Priest in consequence of the removal of the latter, he says:

This declaration by the Grand High Priest that the election was null and void, if it established anything, established the fact that no successor had been provided to the incumbency. As the election and installation to the office had been for the term, and until the successor had been elected and installed, the attempt to do which had been declared null and void, the logical deduction being that the incumbent still retained the office. The newly elected King could not possibly have had either part or lot in an inheritance that did not exist—the decision of the Grand High Priest and indorsement of the Committee on Jurisprudence to the contrary notwithstanding. The percuratory stream should have been followed.

This, on a subject which has been many times mentioned, we quote:

The relationship, either suppositively or actually, entered into by the Grand Chapter of Nebraska with the Grand Convention of High Priesthood for the conferring of the Order of the latter on the elective High Priests of the former previous to their investiture in office, to obtain which a unanimous ballot is required, is certainly an anomaly.

On the liquor question, which has thrust itself into Masonry, another view is given and it is worthy of thought:

"Better let it alone" is just a block of solid wisdom. That the excessive use of alcohol is of itself a grievous abuse, there can be no doubt; but beside the moral aspect, the consequences of its scientific consideration should not be lost sight of.

Two of the foremost physiological chemists of the day—Kuhne, of Heidelberg, and Von Voit, of Munich, have declared the nutritive quality of alcohol. Dr. Ganzer places alcohol on the food list, and says: "No physician can faithfully perform his duty to his patients who excludes alcohol from their diet." Professor Atwater, who is conducting for the United States government possibly the most important experimental tests as to the nutritive values of various foods that have ever engaged scientific investigation, is induced to believe

that when alcohol is taken in small doses about ninety-seven per cent. of it is used in the body, and that the tissues are actually built up from its elements.

It is stated in Brubaker's Physiology that alcohol exists normally in the body under three forms—glycerine, a triatomic alcohol; cholesterine, present in bile and other fluids and solids, a waste product of nervous matter; and alcohol, 95 per cent. found normally in the urine as a result of alcoholic fermentation in the intestines.

"One of the Brahmin caste of New England," who was also a physician, says:

"I tell you, there was generous warmth in good old English cheer;
I tell you, 'twas a pleasant thought to bring the symbol here.
'Tis but the fool that loves excess; hast thou a drunken soul?
My bane is in thy shallow skull, not in my silver bowl!"

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Circulars regarding the quarterly proceedings of August 29 and November 29, 1898, February 27 and May 29, 1899, have come to hand.

The balance sheet for the year ending August 31, 1898, shows £134.16.2 received and the same amount paid out for various purposes. It might have been easier to have arranged it as the young wife did, who was requested by her husband to keep an account of the money he gave her, and how she disposed of it. On looking over the book at the end of the first month he found entries: Received \$100; spent \$100.

An annual festival was held on the evening of November 29, which was well attended and self-supporting.

There was no business of outside interest.

NEW YORK—1899.

The one hundred and second annual convocation convened in Albany Tuesday, February 7, and representatives from 187 out of 188 enrolled constituent Chapters were present. No one appeared to represent Colorado.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. John Webb, Jr., whose portrait adorns the pamphlet, in extending a fraternal greeting to the companions, says:

The years swiftly pass, and in their passage have brought to us in our life's experience the rosy anticipations of youth, the duties and responsibilities of early manhood, and the disappointments and triumphs of maturer years, and the constantly shortening days with

their gathering shadows; few of us but have passed through the discipline of care, pain and sorrow. Our pleasing expectations of the possibilities of our lives have not been fulfilled, nor our laudable ambitions realized. But as we look back over the lengthened way of our life's journey, the sweetest memories are of things which we have done to increase the happiness of others. It may have been the word of encouragement or of sympathy, which has saved some life from wreck, or lifted the burden from some hard pressed fellow creature. We have never reached our ideals, but they have kept our eyes fixed on higher planes and led us onward and upward, step by step, toward a truer manhood. Our progress may have been slow, for we are not ready learners, but in the end the reward will be proportionate to the difficulties we have met and overcome.

He calls attention to the big death roll, both of his own and sister jurisdictions, and notes our loss of P. G. H. P. Oren H. Henry.

He constituted and installed the officers of Catskill Chapter No. 285, to which a warrant had been granted by the Grand Chapter.

He noticed a marked falling off in the number of questions asked, so found it only necessary to report four decisions.

He gives an account of his visit to the Masonic Home at Utica, which is interesting and shows that a good work is being done, for he says:

I came away rejoiced with my visit, proud of our Home, doubly proud of the Great Fraternity whose heart conceived and whose hands built this great charity.

Among the suggestions he makes is one to limit the jurisdiction over rejected candidates to a definite time, instead of leaving it perpetual. Also that Secretaries be required to notify Commanderies of suspensions and answer any inquiry of the Recorder of a Commandery as to the standing of any companion.

The Grand Secretary reports 20,332 companions in good standing.

The Grand Lecturer in his report suggests:

That it should be the duty of the High Priest, when a candidate is announced for the Royal Arch degree, to ascertain from the Secretary if such candidate has had his mark recorded.

The Committee on Address said:

The matter of the Grand High Priest's address bears conclusive evidence of the conscientious, diligent, able and dignified discharge of official duty during the past year.

The ritual of the Royal Arch degree was exemplified under the direction of the Grand Lecturer and was done with signal ability and with a force and character seldom or never excelled, which elicited the hearty commendation of all present.

A charter was granted to a number of companions at Granville, to be known as Granville Chapter No. 286.

The Grand Chaplain, as has been his custom for a number of years, regaled the ears of his companions with an eloquent address, the theme of which was "A Second Century of the Grand Chapter of New York." It is too long to copy into this report, but is well worthy of perusal.

The report on correspondence is the work of Comp. George J. Gardner. Though it has gone through the process of the condensing machine, it is a good report, but being cramped by his instructions, he expresses his own views very sparingly and quotes far less freely, so that the report does not afford the amount of information and literary treats which this writer usually sets before the Craft. He thus frets under the curb whilst reviewing California:

We would like to follow this writer through his entire series of reviews, as there is much that if brought to light would prove of essential benefit to the Craft, but alas! our length of c. t. is materially shortened by the restrictive resolution confining us to 100 pages, and which, like Banquo's ghost, is constantly rising up before us, and in the ghostly language of silence, motioning us to desist. Reluctantly we yield, but the wish struggles.

And in conclusion he says:

In pursuing our labors we have endeavored to confine ourselves within the limits of the proscriptive resolution adopted by you. We may have exceeded those limits, certainly not intentionally, but ignorantly; for it is difficult to anticipate printed matter by manuscript as to space to be occupied. In doing so we have been obliged to "heave over" much valuable and instructive reading well worth transcribing and preserving. Many gems of eloquence "have been born to blush unseen" except by those in the immediate location of their birthplace. Many a tender word of sympathy has been uttered, and many a sprig of acacia has been dropped in the graves of the honored and renowned who have "gone before", but our voice has been silenced from uttering eulogistic words in praise of the faithful and true who have been active workers in the quarries through a long and devoted life.

NORTH CAROLINA—1899.

The fifty-first annual was convened in the hall of Asheville Chapter No. 25, at Asheville, June 13. A great many pro tems filled the stations, but M. E., M. S. Willard, Grand High Priest, was in the Grand East. Twelve Chapters had representatives in attendance.

In his address rather a mournful condition of the Royal Craft is presented. Owing to the financial condition he felt constrained to advise the omitting of the correspondence report, so that this year we do not hear from Comp. James Southgate. He felt that visitations were necessary and productive of good, but that they should be conducted in a more systematic manner, and by the Grand Lecturer, who could devote days to each visitation giving instruction in the work, inspecting the records and reviewing the proceedings, saying:

When we authorize this kind of visitation we may look for a permanent improvement in our Grand Chapter and not until then.

He refused a dispensation for a new Chapter in the neighborhood of five existing Chapters, only one of which seemed to have signs of growth and prosperity. No doubt he was right, as his reasons seem all sufficient and wise.

His dispensations were mostly for the purpose of balloting without the usual constitutional delay.

He was not called upon for a single decision.

Regarding the state of the Craft he said:

One of my first endeavors, after assuming the position of your chief officer, was to ascertain exactly what constituted the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. In other words, to find out what subordinate Chapters were legally in existence in North Carolina. Up to this writing I have not been able to satisfactorily determine this question. I am decidedly of the opinion that it would be much better to have on our rolls half a dozen active, progressive Chapters, than four times that number, a large majority being dormant.

He also finds unpleasant the remarks of correspondents on the condition of the Craft in North Carolina, at least to those who take a pride in matters concerning their own state. He quotes what one correspondent says, and asks the reason of such a state of affairs and what should be the remedy.

He found that twenty-two Chapters had, under the law, forfeited their charters, but no action to enforce the rule had been taken by Grand Chapter; he therefore advised the passing of a resolution declaring the charters forfeited. This would leave seventeen active Chapters.

He called attention to a great many business matters and the imperfect records, which need revision, and in his conclusion gives this doleful outlook:

Very certain it is, that if the record of the next four or five years shall be the same as the past four or five we will cease to meet together in these annual reunions.

The charters of fourteen Chapters were declared forfeited and seven were notified to pay specified sums within sixty days or their charters would be forfeited.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, having at heart the welfare of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and desiring to put in full operation the tenets of Symbolic Masonry, by providing, as far as we can, for the comfort of distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans, do fraternally suggest to the Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of making the Oxford Orphan Asylum a Masonic home.

At the request of the Grand High Priest, the amount he was entitled to for expenses incurred (\$75) was credited as a donation from the Grand Chapter on the note of a young lady to Grand Chapter for money advanced by it in securing her education.

It is proposed to hold the next annual at Charlotte on the second Tuesday in June, 1900.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws reported, which has to lie over under the rules, but it is printed in the proceedings as an appendix.

The abstract of returns shows nineteen Chapters with a membership of 749, an increase in those Chapters of thirty-two.

NORTH DAKOTA—1899.

The tenth annual was held at Fargo June 22, M. E. Grand High Priest George H. Phelps presiding. All fourteen subordinate Chapters were represented, but no one appeared on behalf of Colorado.

The Grand High Priest's address was brief and confined to business matters.

There are many Grand Secretaries who will envy this report of Grand Secretary Thompson:

The several annual returns of all of the subordinate Chapters were in my hands prior to May 15, and consequently none are subject to the penalty for tardiness. Such promptness on the part of the Secretaries has been hitherto unknown, and doubtless the fines for delays was a beneficial stimulus to the Secretaries and the result a pleasant anodyne to your Grand Secretary.

No grievances or appeals. Nothing for the consideration of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Grand Lecturer was instructed to visit each Chapter once in the year, his actual traveling expenses to be paid by Grand Chapter and his local expenses and an additional fee of \$5 by the Chapter visited.

An appropriation of 50 cents per capita was made to provide money for furnishing the Grand Secretary's office.

For the next five years Grand Chapter is to meet at Fargo.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a jewel.

The pamphlet contains a view of the exterior of the Masonic Temple at Fargo, also a portrait of the retiring Grand High Priest.

Membership, 926.

NORTH DAKOTA—1898.

The ninth annual was held at Fargo, June 23, and presided over by M. E. David E. Morgan, Grand High Priest. In his address he said:

These annual meetings are pleasant incidents in our life's journey, affording opportunities for forming, renewing and cementing

friendships—affording opportunities for exchange of views, challenging and discarding what is unsound and vicious, and more firmly establishing and clinging to those principles and landmarks that we deem right and just, as being founded upon the underlying principles of the Order—*Truth, Benevolence and Justice*.

Also:

I find much to encourage us in the present condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this state.

Representation from thirteen constituent Chapters is recorded. Many grand representatives were also present, but no one appeared for Colorado, and on looking over the list it appears we have no accredited representative near North Dakota.

The following was adopted:

We recommend the adoption of the recommendation of the Ex-Grand High Priest that a Grand Lecturer be appointed to give instruction in the Chapter work. The Chapter asking for such instruction to pay for the expenses of said Grand Lecturer.

Fargo was selected for next place of meeting.

Membership, 874, an increase of 83.

Portraits of Grand Secretary F. J. Thompson and Grand High Priest David E. Morgan add to the interest of these proceedings.

NOVA SCOTIA—1898.

The twenty-ninth annual convocation was held at Lunenburg June 7. Twelve Chapters represented and fourteen grand jurisdictions, among which was Colorado by R. E. Comp. Thomas Trenaman.

By order of the M. E. Grand High Priest the V. E. Grand Captain of the Host organized Grand Chapter, there being a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the Craft on its prosperous condition.

Dispensations were granted in several instances to confer the Royal Arch degree on one or two candidates. This would not be in conformity with the American cus-

tom, which requires three, but probably does in effect the same thing as our Nova Scotia companions by the use of substitutes.

The only decision was one that, as the wording of the constitution required the full amount of the fee for conferring the degrees to be paid before any degree was conferred, it must be so construed.

The Grand High Priest made report of his visitation, and the same was done by a number of companions whom he appointed to make special visits.

The Board of General Purposes reported with regard to substitutes, regalia and foreign correspondence.

The Grand Secretary reported returns received from every Chapter in the jurisdiction, showing the following statistics: Exaltations, 44; membership, 740, a gain of 12.

A resolution of condolence was adopted and sent Comp. T. A. Cossman, who had met with a great bereavement recently in the loss of his wife.

No report on correspondence.

OHIO—1898.

The eighty-second annual convocation convened in the Masonic Cathedral, Cincinnati, September 28.

Beside the grand officers there were present representatives from one hundred and forty-two Chapters and thirty-one from Grand Chapters, but no one from Colorado.

The oldest and youngest Past Grand High Priests were appointed to receive and introduce M. E. Reuben C. Lemmon, General Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jacob H. Bromwell, on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Cincinnati, welcomed the companions of the Grand Chapter in a pleasant, harmonious speech, and was replied to by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest then read his annual address.

Some suggestions he made to the High Priests of Chapters called out vigorous protests in three or four in-

stances, as companions thought he desired them to make a vigorous canvass for new members.

He also sent out a list of questions, the replies to which showed a sound financial condition of the greater number of Chapters and very little indebtedness, and that usually for unpaid purchase price of buildings which were self-sustaining. One Chapter had \$2,500 in the treasury.

To inspect the Chapters he appointed twenty-two companions, and assigned them one hundred and five Chapters. Seventy-five inspections were made at a cost of \$150.44, and he believes, as we do, that much good was done. Several times the report was made "this is the first time a representative of the Grand Chapter has visited this Chapter since its organization."

He proudly alluded to three distinguished members of the jurisdiction—the General Grand High Priest, Reuben C. Lemmon; the occupant of the White House, Comp. William McKinley, and the brave New England commodore who sailed out in the Pacific, cut the cable, and then, receiving no cautionary instructions, went about his duty of terminating war in the way war ought to be terminated.

The afternoon of the first day is called "A Red Letter Day in Royal Arch Masonry," as a brilliant reception was tendered the M. E. General Grand High Priest.

The report to the Trustees by the Superintendent of the Masonic Home was read and contains much interesting data. We, however, only have space to give a part of the recapitulation, which shows the residents now in the home to be: Men, 38; women, 12; boys, 17; girls, 10. Total, 77.

At Christmas time, through the kindness of friends, they had a joyful time at the home.

The twenty-seventh of September, 1899, was agreed upon for the date of next meeting, and Cleveland selected as the place.

The General Grand High Priest installed the officers.

As a frontispiece to the correspondence report there is a fine portrait of the author of these a number of years past, Comp. S. Stacker Williams. He again has to make excuse, saying:

We were struck with paralysis on October 26, 1897, and in a few days thereafter we were sentenced to serve a term in the state legislature. We had partially recovered from the paralysis when we had a severe attack of rheumatism, which hangs on relentlessly.

As to the sentence, we say served you right, and the term was not any too long. But we do most sincerely regret to hear the other part, and, Comp. Stacker, you have our heartfelt sympathy. May your report to be made this September, not have to be undertaken under such adverse conditions.

He notices Colorado and notes that Comp. Banks was absent. Well, there was good reason—he was not within the bounds of the state, and, alas, now has gone the journey we shall all sooner or later have to undertake.

Like many others we have noticed from time to time, he concludes from some things that were said about the Masonic Temple in Denver that the fraternity were likely to lose it, as it had gone into the hands of the "mortgage trustees." The outlook to-day is that such will not be the case. Though there has been a hard struggle the present revenue is more than sufficient to meet the expenses, and the indebtedness is being decreased.

On the question of the actual presence of the charter, under Delaware, is this:

We will not quarrel with him (Harrison) about the presence of the charter. But what will he say about the work done in Chapters and Lodges before charters were known? In the early part of the history of the Grand Lodge of England no such thing as a charter was known. In Ohio two Chapters worked for years without charters.

We often wondered at Comp. Ingersoll's great antipathy to the action of Grand Chapters, especially that of California, against the Cerneauites, but an explanation comes from Comp. Williams, who quotes from proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Consistory of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Thirty-third Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, Washington, D. C., June 24 and 25, 1891, from which it appears he is a member. This is the record:

"III. H. H. Ingersoll, thirty-third degree Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of the state of Tennessee and rep-

representative from Knoxville Consistory No. 10, of Knoxville, Tenn., then addressed the Sovereign Grand Consistory at considerable length, urging the brethren to persevere in their efforts to maintain their personal liberty in the exercise of those rights and privileges which had been so solemnly guaranteed to them before they assumed the duties and obligations of Master Mason.

In connection with the now well known edict of Grand High Priest John P. Steffner of Virginia against the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, which was promptly turned down by the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Comp. Williams brings to light some facts which cast light on the reason that induced the Grand High Priest to issue that remarkable document. Here it is:

There is nothing in the address to show that he is a Scottish Rite Mason, *real or pretended*, till he had used up a large amount of ink and paper.

Then he copies from the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Consistory of 1891 this:

The Grand Secretary General, H. E., read the following, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be entered on the balustrade:

BRISTOL, Tenn., June 23, 1891 (V. E.)

At a stated rendezvous held on the sixth day of May, 1891, Ill. Bros. John P. Steffner, Wm. P. Bower and A. C. Smith were appointed a committee to consider the present condition of the Scottish Rite in general, and this body in particular, and in their report submitted June 19, 1891, recommended that this body adopt a resolution to be submitted to the Sovereign Grand Consistory by its representative, expressing an abiding faith in the wisdom, justice and integrity of the said Sovereign Grand Consistory.

OREGON—1899.

On June 12, the thirty-ninth annual convocation was held at Portland and a majority (twenty-five) of the subordinate Chapters being present by representatives, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. From other Grand Chapters there were eighteen representatives present, but no one from Colorado.

The Grand Chapter was called upon to meet under the unfortunate circumstance of the Grand High Priest's empty chair, and the Deputy Grand High Priest addressed Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's statistics show twenty-six Chapters with a membership of 1,312. He also reported the compilation of approved decisions which are given in full.

The special Committee on Fraternal Dead reported briefly, but as we think, sufficiently, as it was unnecessary to reiterate the same thing in addresses and reports.

Your special Committee on Fraternal Dead beg leave to report that we heartily concur in the memorial expressions contained in the address of our Grand High Priest. We therefore refrain from further eulogy respecting our departed companions. We commend the sorrowing household of our deceased companions to the indulgent care of a fraternity strengthened and ennobled by the untiring labor of those for whom they mourn.

The Committee on Jurisprudence considered the matter of the approved decisions as reported by the Grand Secretary, and recommended that a condensation which they prepared should be adopted, which was accordingly done.

A resolution of fraternal sympathy, and aid if needed, was extended to Past Grand High Priest James R. Bayley, who was dangerously ill and afflicted, and a warrant for \$100 was ordered drawn for that purpose.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was recognized.

A resolution requiring all Royal Arch Masons to affiliate, or subject themselves to certain penalties, was adopted.

Comp. J. M. Hodson gives as usual an excellent report on correspondence covering forty-four jurisdictions. He gives plenty of his own views on various subjects and isn't a bit afraid to speak out in meeting.

This is what he said about cheap degrees, with which our views entirely coincide:

There are a few things that should never be found on the "bargain counter," and while we do not believe in making any department of Masonry a rich man's institution, one who can not afford to pay \$20 had better stay out. It reminds us of a sign we once saw in a barber's shop: "If you can't raise ten cents, raise a beard."

He thinks our suggestion of the use of the word "triplets" is pretty good, but adds some old lady with three children at one birth might object.

Replying to Comp. Pearson, on the point of officers named in a charter, he says:

It is all right to have the officers named in the charter, as they have already been virtually elected by their companions while working U. D., and after installation there is no question but when his time is out, the chief officer is a Past High Priest.

He gets back at Ercanbrack on the name of a Chapter and says:

Well, if our "Ump-quan" died of name, what was the matter with your "Sheshbazzar" that committed hari-kari last year—was it Arabian or Zulu?

As he is with us on the singer question we give his words:

It is not to the music that we object, but to the introduction of strangers among the workmen. They have no business there, and Chapters introducing them open the door to innovations that can in no way add to the sublime teachings of the degrees, and are liable to abuses.

On the Past Master's degree, he answers Comp. Drummond as follows:

Now, Brother Drummond, don't you see that you have given the whole snap away? Re-read what you say was "originally" required; then look over what you say of the "invention," and see if you do not come to the conclusion that we are continually violating our obligations as Royal Arch Masons by violating that ancient law, "land-mark" if you please, or the "invention" is identical with the original. There is no way of getting away from the conclusion that we, as Royal Arch Masons, confer the genuine Past Master degree, or we violate the ancient law requiring it. No "invention," even if called by the same name, is sufficient, and we object to whipping his satanic majesty around the stump on any such supposition.

He endeavors to sustain by argument the position that a vote granting a dimit can be reconsidered at the same meeting, and makes a very good point. We are willing to accept this view that he expresses:

We do not think that public installations are improper or unmasonic; we do, however, sympathize with Brother Harrison, and think that such occasions frequently do more harm than good and have a tendency, unless very carefully guarded, to cheapen the fraternity in public estimation.

We believe this in regard to an affiliation fee:

We think that a brother who has found it necessary to change his residence and desires to change his Masonic home also, has already been subjected to annoyances and expenses sufficient, and after he has paid for the degrees and his dues to date, it would be all wrong to demand more. It is frequently the cause of non-affiliation, as the brother feels it is unjust, not that the amount would cut much figure, but the principle is there.

He strongly advocates the presence of the charter as being proper, and states that it is an essential.

Regarding the issuing of charters to replace those lost or destroyed, he says:

We have no objection to the issue of such copies, but they should be called by their right names, "certified copies," as a "duplicate" could only properly be used if issued at the time the charter was issued.

PENNSYLVANIA—1898.

Opening the proceedings of the one hundred and third year we first see a view of the interior of Oriental Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia; next the pleasant features of Grand High Priest W. C. Hamilton greet the eye. Then come the proceedings of the quarterly meetings held, at all of which there was an exemplification of work in some degree. The September quarterly also gives the condition of the Craft, financially and numerically, from which we learn that the number of members on the roll is 18,163.

It was resolved "That as the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand has not the allegiance of all the Chapters in New Zealand, and on account of the lack of further information, we decline to recognize it as the Supreme Grand Chapter of that colony."

The annual grand communication was held December 27. Thirty Chapters had representatives present and the Grand High Priest made his annual report. In it he said:

All of the District Deputies have faithfully performed their duties and have used their utmost endeavors to advance the interests of Capitular Masonry.

After the installation of the new Grand High Priest, who had, according to custom, been elected at the last quar-

terly communication, he addressed the Grand Chapter and among other appropriate remarks said:

I am a firm believer in the settled policy of this Grand Chapter to steadfastly adhere to our ancient landmarks, and to firmly resist the introduction of innovations, which, however they may please the passing fancy of their inventors and their inventors' friends, tend only to mar the beauty and symmetry of our institutions and to shake the confidence of our members in our fraternity as an "ancient" as well as an "Honorable Fraternity."

With regard to hasty conferring of degrees, he states that which we only too gladly repeat:

The degree of Royal Arch Mason is the completion of Ancient Craft Masonry, and our fathers sought it as the completion and rounding out of their Masonic education. Hence, logically and historically, the Chapter should exist for the further instruction of Symbolic Masons, and not as a mere stepping-stone to some higher body. If a brother who has passed the chair desires to attend a grand conclave, and to appear in the ranks of his Fraters as they march with stately tread to the music of the band, let him apply to the Chapter in ample time; but he has no right to expect, and his friends within the Chapter have no right to ask, that, for the gratification of his wish, the impressive and solemn ceremonies of the Capitular degrees shall be hastily and perfunctorily performed, and that their instructive lessons shall be told to ears which, if they listen at all, utterly fail to catch their teachings. What I have thus said applies with little less force to the advancement of candidates for reasons of mere convenience to the Chapter or its officers. The value, as well as the beauty, of the Capitular degrees lies in the lessons which they teach, and those lessons are far too important to be crowded *en masse* into the mind of any man.

Then comes that valuable addition to the Pennsylvania proceedings edited by the quintuplet, the report on correspondence, the usual division of labor is adopted, about ten jurisdictions falling to each.

The introduction by Comp. P. G. H. P. Matthias H. Henderson states:

Masonry in Pennsylvania does not change; therefore there is nothing new in our own jurisdiction. Our progress and increase in the past year have been healthy, and no dissensions have disturbed us. We hope others have been as prosperous.

On the Past Master's degree he says:

We can not subscribe to his (Pillans') statement that the degree is utterly useless. It is very useful where it belongs.

We wish we could introduce the Pennsylvania law in this jurisdiction, which requires a probationary period of six months to intervene between the reception of the Master's degree and the application to the Chapter.

Colorado is unfortunately missing from his review. All we find is the regret that they were not received. The delay in their reaching Pennsylvania was no doubt due to the fire in the printer's shop.

Under Florida Comp. Henderson protests against the use of the word "team", and to emphasize his protest we also exclaim—find some more appropriate word. Last year we suggested "triplet", and haven't found a better single word yet to designate the constitutional number.

The Pennsylvania law requires the adoption of a "mark" within four months. This is good, but we prefer to compel compliance by refusing to give the Royal Arch degree till the "mark" is selected and recorded.

Comp. J. Simpson Africa, in his review of Michigan, tells us:

The custom of electing and appointing the officers of both the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for a second term, has been observed for more than a century.

On dispensations for charters we also learn from Comp. Africa that:

In Pennsylvania the M. E. Grand High Priest is not invested with authority to issue a dispensation to form a new Chapter. A petition for a warrant must be presented to the Grand Chapter at a stated communication. It is usually referred to the grand officers with power to act. These officers meet, consider the petition, the qualifications of the petitioners. If in favor, a warrant is issued.

Another Pennsylvania regulation is also set forth by the same companion in commenting on the entertainment of guests by a New Brunswick Chapter. He says:

We can not give a banquet in the name or at the expense of a Lodge, to any persons not Masons.

Comp. Joshua L. Lyte also enlightens us on Pennsylvania customs regarding Royal Arch Masons who are unaffiliated in Lodge. He says:

At the end of six months the companion's name is stricken from the roll, even if he has made an unsuccessful effort to become a member of a Lodge.

Comp. James H. Coddington says, regarding the criticism of a Pennsylvania method:

The writer of this blames no one for criticism of a system where the wrong man is the only one punished for a statutory fault. But the fact remains that with us a man may be exalted in a regular Chapter and yet not be a Royal Arch Mason. We hope this may change, and in good conscience it should.

QUEBEC—1899.

The red-bordered pages of the proceedings before us are those of the twenty-second annual convocation held at Montreal, January 24, 1899, and therein we find a fine portrait of M. E. Comp. B. Tooke, Grand First Principal Z. Representatives from ten constituent Chapters, numerous grand representatives, though no one to represent this state, and many past grand officers assembled together on this occasion.

The Grand Z's address contains a full account of his official acts, and he also makes mention of temporal matters—the victories of Kitchener at Khartoum and those of this republic, on which subject he says:

To our companions residing in the great republic south of us we offer our sincere sympathy as well as congratulations. Many who have passed the portals of the Chapter have realized the horrors of war, a condition of affairs that must appeal to every heart, to every soul, and to every mind. To the relatives of companions bereaved through the loss of dear ones, as well as to those who from any cause are suffering by the same calamity, we extend our sympathy; and to the nation who has taken so prominent a position in assisting the spread of Christianity and civilization throughout the world, we offer our congratulations in connection with the recent victorious result achieved.

But one dispensation was granted by him, and that was for the purpose of installing officers.

No decision was necessary.

Three district deputies made reports on the condition of the Craft, which was apparently satisfactory.

The Grand Scribe E. gives an abstract of returns which shows twelve Chapters, an increase in membership of twenty-seven and a total membership of 536.

The Benevolent Fund had not been used during the year, and now amounts to \$913.85.

The Committee on Grand Z's Address said:

We are pleased to learn that Royal Arch Masonry in this province continues to make onward progress, and feel that while the increase in numbers is not as great as could be wished, yet we are satisfied that the class of men admitted is, in itself, a proof that our institution merits the approval of the best and most earnest workers in the ranks of Craft Masonry.

We also agree with the M. E. Grand Z. that much more might be done for the welfare of Capitular Masonry, if more general interest in it were taken by its members, feeling satisfied that the results to be attained would fully compensate for the time and trouble they devote to it, and that enjoying the benefits of membership in the Royal Craft themselves, without instructing uninformed and worthy brothers of the Craft Lodges to complete their Masonic education which, as such, can only be done by receiving the benefits of the Holy Royal Arch degree.

The business was all of a routine nature and of little interest outside the jurisdiction.

Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, P. G. Z., reviewed in his usual thorough style the proceedings of fifty jurisdictions.

Under Arkansas, on rotation in office, he says:

We can not altogether subscribe to this opinion. Preferment among Masons should be based on merit alone.

His review of Colorado is full and fraternal. He says he is unable to share our views on Masonic church parades, quotes what we said but evidently favors them much more than we do.

Under Delaware he explains that a serving brother "is one who acts as 'guard' for the Chapter and looks after the place of meeting."

SOUTH CAROLINA—1899.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form in eighty-eighth annual convocation February 14. Thirteen subordinate Chapters and eleven grand representatives were present, none of which came from Colorado.

The Grand High Priest tells us in his address that he was called upon for but one decision, and his answer was

certainly correct, viz.: that it is unlawful to confer the Royal Arch degree on more or less than three at one time. How or where the High Priest who put half a page of questions to him on the subject could have got such ideas as he and the companions he consulted with had, is a mystery. Their idea of Royal Arch Masonry must have been very crude and misty.

He congratulated Grand Chapter on the condition of the craft and says: "The outlook brightens."

He made several recommendations for the good of the Craft, and concludes with expressions of thanks for the honors received.

The Grand Secretary made an excellent report, showing that he had been very zealous in his duties and labored for the good of the Grand Chapter. His tabular statement shows nineteen Chapters, fifty-nine exalted and a membership of 654.

The proceedings contain portraits of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

Comp. Jacob T. Barron, the Grand Secretary, presented the report on correspondence. He found enough of interest in Colorado proceedings of 1898 to fill two pages of his report, which is in excess of the proportionate share of space which should fall to our lot.

He noticed our remark about the Colorado grand representative, who also carries commissions for thirteen other jurisdictions, and says:

The writer has never had the pleasure of seeing the general representative in any body of Royal Arch Masons, although when Grand High Priest he did in person ask him to take a few minutes from his office and drop in at the Masonic Temple so we could at least record his presence for the supposed delight of so many Grand Chapters.

He endeavors to make us take our own medicine, for after quoting our desire for a probationary period between the Master Mason and Chapter degrees, he turns back one page and quotes again what he considers appropriate though not by us intended in that connection:

No fast and set policy can be laid down for such things. Each particular case must stand upon its own merit.

We would like it to be so, but experience has shown in this matter of degrees the Craft must protect itself, and if it wishes the work it does to be appreciated and then make good Masons, it must insist that those who would rush madly on, stop and pause, and to do so it must make a regulation, which we are ready to admit might in some cases be waived without injury, but in far the majority of cases is necessary. Hence we think it better for the minority to suffer a little inconvenience, if the whole body is strengthened thereby.

With regard to the petitions of Chapters U. D. for charters, he lays down what, in our opinion, should be the proper practice, though it is only occasionally we find a committee with the backbone to state plainly that the work has not been well performed, the records badly or imperfectly kept, and that for such reasons, a charter should be withheld.

The starting out of new Chapters in a slipshod way of doing business is wrong. In but few cases can you expect success under such conditions. He says:

The Chapter U. D. should keep accurate records of all its acts and doings, and send them with their dispensation to the Grand Chapter, at its annual convocation, with an application for charter. The record and proceedings should be carefully examined in detail by a committee, which *should* base its recommendations to the Grand Chapter solely upon what is therein disclosed. This is the only guarantee against the pernicious results sure to follow the chartering of a Chapter whose officers and members are not qualified to discharge their duties, and uphold the honor and purposes of the Royal Craft.

On the Michigan dimit regulation, he says, and we agree:

We can never sanction such legislation. He comes to us of his own free will and accord—don't try to detain him against it.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1899.

The tenth annual was held at Yankton, June 15. Delegates from twenty-three Chapters representing 1,492 Royal Arch Masons participated in the deliberations, and grand representatives from eighteen jurisdictions were also in attendance, but no one for Colorado.

The Grand High Priest made an able and excellent address. By personal visitation he had succeeded in reviving Pilgrim Chapter, and thought it on a fair way to prosperity.

These were the suggestions he made:

Too much stress can not be placed upon the fact that subordinate Chapters should use every influence to give an intelligent, dignified and correct rendition of the work. See to it that each officer takes an interest in and learns his part of the ritual.

Further, each subordinate Chapter, when there is no work, should take a part of the time at each convocation to read and discuss the Grand Chapter proceedings, together with the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This practice fully carried out would educate the companions and also save the Grand High Priest considerable annoyance from answering simple questions.

Comp. Theodore S. Parvin, P. G. H. P. of Iowa, and an honorary member of the Grand Chapter, being in attendance, was conducted into the hall and received with grand honors, after which he gave an interesting twenty minutes' talk.

A resolution to prevent companions from securing dimitts and carrying same while living in the same place where the Chapter granting the dimit is located, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, under whose watchful care it appears to have died, as that is the last that was heard of it.

The Committee on Ritual reported that the work adopted by the grand jurisdiction is not unanimously followed, many of the Chapters using the adopted work and some using the General Grand Chapter work, while others use a mixture.

Report on correspondence covers forty-five jurisdictions. It is in the shape of a brief summary of the proceedings. Our friend, Louis G. Levoy, whom we met at Topeka, was still at the helm, though he tried hard to squeeze out of the performance of the work, even making the oldest recorded excuse as a reason, viz.: that he had married a wife and therefore could not write.

In his review of Colorado, and for fear we may have misunderstood the part of their new constitution concerning the wearing of Royal Arch clothing at Grand Chapter, which we quoted, he says:

As this may mislead him, will say it means simply wearing a Royal Arch apron, and not the robes, as one might suppose on reading the clause questioned.

He says that the result of the vote in Iowa for and against separation of Council and Chapter degrees was against. This is true regarding the vote by the Chapters to the Grand High Priest, but not as to what Grand Chapter did, for it decided to surrender authority over the Council degrees after March 1, 1899.

He considers that Michigan took a step in the right direction when it adopted the regulation prohibiting limits to residents of the jurisdiction in which the Chapter is located. As we have stated before, we think it rather too radical and removing the free will of the member as to his membership and therefore doubt its efficacy.

His conclusion is that "the work of the year on Capitular Masonry is most interesting, it being a continuation of prosperity and showing increased interest in our Royal Art."

TENNESSEE—1899.

In the city of Nashville the Royal Arch Masons held their seventieth annual convocation January 23, with M. E. Caswell A. Goodloe in the Grand East, and his portrait is found facing the title page. Sixty-one subordinate Chapters sent representatives.

The Grand High Priest's address was brief and is entirely a business document.

Ebenezer Chapter having lost its charter by fire, the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish a copy free of cost.

The business was all of a routine nature and nothing of special interest to the general craft occurred.

A list of members of the order of High Priesthood since its organization in 1860 is given, and of the original fifteen only one, Comp. W. H. Whiton, now survives.

The Grand Chapter recommends a uniform code of by-laws to subordinate Chapters for adoption. They are brief but all sufficient. Too much legislation is bad.

whether in the Masonic or the political world. If our Legislatures met less frequently, the country would thrive better.

Comp H. G. Ingersoll submitted his fifth report, which bears the usual ear marks and consequently is a good report. Among other matters he gives a succinct and faithful history of the Morgan persecution of Masonry, from an historic review of the past century, by Rev. Dr. Anderson. We would like to copy it, but are a little afraid of our space, and so simply refer to it.

In the following we agree:

Observation in both Lodge and Chapter affairs at home and abroad for a generation has satisfied us that annual official visitation is a most efficient agent in promoting the prosperity of subordinates. Those jurisdictions which employ it regularly are the most prosperous; and wherever it is omitted or neglected, the lights of Freemasonry grow dim.

This we clip from his Illinois review as a sentiment worthy of thought:

Rather choose the sentiment of our great American poet, stamped upon the minds and hearts of all American boys of the last generation, worthy of him and of America and of his place in Westminster Abbey, and thoroughly Masonic in essence and effect:

Life is real, life is earnest,

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Not enjoyment and not sorrow
Is our destined end or way,
But to act that each to-morrow
Finds us farther than to-day.

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Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time.

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Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

No, life is not for regrets or sorrows, but for service—service to God and man; daily, continued, untiring service in the cause of humanity; making the most of opportunity; doing the work at hand, however humble or exalted; helping a fellow mortal to bear his heavy load, and hitching his wagon to a star, that he may see the things above. Action and sympathy are the factors of human life; and the

living Mason better give no moment to regret that his time has not come to depart. It will come soon enough and in due season, and let him beware that his work be not half done by giving to regret hours meant for active service.

The banquet of High Priesthood in Illinois was not a financial success, and to Comp. Stoker's regrets he says:

It will gratify this reviewer and some other companions to hear that this financial failure has resulted in a complete divorce of banqueting and High Priesthood. There is a time for all things and a proper place; but if in all Freemasonry there is a time and place when a banquet should not be given, it is at the solemn grand council of the Order of Priesthood. As soon have a german on Good Friday.

He takes up cudgels for the American system of Freemasonry, "The York Rite", and does not want the "Scottish Rite" to steal away the affections of the Tennesseans. He sees no use for two concurrent systems. We are not by any means a "high riter", for our belief is that there is nothing higher or more sublime than a Master Mason, yet we see no reason for his fears. Both rites can flourish side by side and much valuable light can be cast by each on the beauties and teachings of Freemasonry. We agree with him that it ought to be the universal law of Capitular Masonry.

In reviewing North Dakota he says:

The Secretary's report incidentally discloses that they have in North Dakota a shrine, a Scottish Rite, and a devil's lake, but no where even incidentally suggests the presence of God in that grand jurisdiction.

Concluding he says:

The harvest is the product of other faithful workmen. Of the forty-four sheaves of gleanings here shown only the binding is ours. They are offered with sincere regret at the absence of the golden grain from Nebraska, the shining silver from Colorado and Idaho, and the snowy cotton balls of Mississippi.

TEXAS—1898.

At its forty-ninth grand annual convocation, held at Houston on December 6, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. T. H. Haynie, presided. In his address he tells us how he revived by dispensation three Chapters which

had forfeited their charters by failing to meet for three consecutive months. He answered a great many questions and otherwise performed his duties acceptably to the Grand Chapter, as is shown by the following from the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports:

"The zeal and industry which has ever characterized his labor in Masonry has enabled him to bring up for our consideration good and square work, such work as will bear inspection, and assume its proper place in the Temple, and he is justly entitled to the gratitude of this grand body. We find nothing in his report to complain of, but much to commend."

The Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Visitors from six districts made report on the condition of the Craft.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership to be 6,374, and that there are 648 Past High Priests, 146 Chapters on the roll, of which 102 did work; 59 show a gain, 69 a loss and 18 held their own.

In the list of grand representatives present we find Comp. J. J. Canon appearing for Colorado.

One Chapter had the name changed from Moody to Temple, retaining the number, "199."

A petition for a new Chapter at Ozona was declined.

Four charters were restored.

Charters were granted to four Chapters.

The matter of a charter of incorporation for the Grand Chapter was under consideration, and a special committee for that purpose was appointed to report at the next annual.

Two hundred dollars was appropriated to assist a needy companion and his family, and the Grand High Priest authorized to draw warrants for \$300 more if necessary.

The capitular year was made to close on June 24, and returns to the Grand Secretary required by September 1.

To help the Grand Lodge of Texas in its glorious effort to put in operation the Widows' and Orphans' Home, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all the surplus moneys in the treasury, after paying the current expenses, be transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund by the Grand Treasurer.

Comp. John L. Terrell made his fifth report as chairman of the Correspondence Committee, and it is fully equal to former efforts.

Referring to Comp. Harrison's objection to incorporation of a Masonic body, he says:

We do not agree with our good companion and fear he is not a profound lawyer.

Neither does he agree with Comp. Harrison that the presence of the charter is necessary, for he says:

We do not object to the actual presence of the charter, but his reasoning, like that on incorporation, is at fault.

He reviewed forty-eight jurisdictions.

VERMONT—1899.

Twenty-seven hundred and eighty-six Royal Arch Masons sent representatives from sixteen out of the twenty-six Chapters to the eighth-second annual convocation, which was held at Burlington June 16. Grand representatives from twenty-three states were also present, but Colorado's representative was not among the number.

A large portion of the Grand High Priest's address is occupied with biographies of deceased companions and the names of the departed in sister jurisdictions, eight pages being thus taken up, whilst one and one-half pages sufficed for the report of his official acts and advice. He granted five dispensations to hurry up, because he felt sure no Chapter would ask for such privilege unless there existed good and sufficient reasons. Such, however, is not the usual opinion of those who have considered the advisability of such dispensations.

He made no decisions as no questions were asked.

He also says: "I have no new recommendations as to ritual."

The Grand Lecturer made a report and said that he had been unable to get the committee to make any report. He thinks there is a great deal of apathy regarding the

cause of which he expresses his opinion, viz.: No requirement of proficiency, want of good judgment in the selection of officers and other causes.

The committee on Ritual made a verbal report.

The District Deputy Grand High Priests, five in number, reported their acts.

No business of special interest.

The eighth annual review of the achievements of the Royal Craft, by Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, P. G. H. P., is very enjoyable and instructive. It gives about all the information that can be gathered into the space of 100 pages. Reviewing Colorado for 1898 he says:

Vermont shared with Oregon the honor of representation by the veteran craftsman and Grand Secretary, R. E. Ed. C. Parmelee.

He says the arrest of the jewel of a High Priest who had been suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues and placing the Chapter in the hands of the King was right, adding:

Such occasions are rare, but when they do occur the law with its besom can not be applied any too quickly, both to preserve the dignity of Capitular Masonry and to show the intimate connection that exists between the two parts of the Masonic structure.

He disagrees with us on the advisability of a probationary period between the Master Mason and Royal Arch degrees, on which subject he says:

Something we deem entirely unnecessary, especially in small communities where the goings in and out of a companion are as well known to the members of a Chapter, before his application for the degrees, as afterwards.

However, the difference of opinion we can overlook, as he agrees with us on cipher rituals and the making of ministers a privileged class. Thinks us rather pessimistic regarding the conferring of too many degrees in our remarks under Iowa.

On the inspecting officers of Illinois waiting for requests to visit, he utters good sound words:

In fact, their reports (Grand Lecturers) and those of the inspecting officers show too much waiting for a Macedonian cry to "come and help us" to make either beneficial or profitable the system

of inspection and instruction, adopted by Grand Chapter. The most efficient inspecting officers very frequently have to be far more previous in their visitations than the Chapters in their invitations. In fact, the Chapters needing inspection and assistance are the very bodies most dilatory in inviting the one, or seeking the other.

On dimission this is his view:

The vote granting the dimit, and its declaration, is the active principle of dimission, and as soon as granted the dimission is effected. Hence it is not subject to reconsideration.

He does not believe, neither do we, that it is a proper policy to pay a High Priest. His remark is:

The reward of Masonic labor is not dollars and cents, as illustrated by the record of the three weary sojourners, who made the journey from Babylon to Jerusalem.

VIRGINIA—1898.

At the ninety-first grand annual convocation, begun and held in Richmond, November 8, twenty-one subordinate Chapters sent representatives of the 2,710 Royal Arch Masons of the jurisdiction. Grand representatives from many states were present, but no one from Colorado:

The Grand High Priest, in his address, tells us that he visited seven Chapters and two schools of instruction. He did not find any decisions necessary. Of course he does not forget to mention the Masonic Home, which he considers deserves generous support, more than Grand Chapter had hitherto done for it, and suggested that a portion of the fee for Chapter degrees be contributed by each Chapter. Grand Lecturer and eight District Grand Lecturers made reports.

One charter was granted.

By a resolution adopted, the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters are required to report annually to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy of their respective districts, the annual election of officers in their respective Chapters within one week after the election is held.

The text book was amended so that the Grand King becomes the successor of the Grand High Priest in case of his absence, removal or death.

The matter of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was referred to the Grand High Priest, with power to act when he deemed it proper to do so.

The Grand Chapter required a subordinate to refund expenses incurred in settling a dispute between it and another Chapter.

Rappahannock Chapter No. 33 was declared extinct.

District Deputy Grand Lecturers now bear the title of District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles H. Nesbitt reviewed something over 6,000 pages of proceedings, from which he made a concise resume of their work, in which he sums up Colorado in twelve lines. Once he branches out a little and says he would like to see the Past Master's degree eliminated, but as that seems impossible, he would be satisfied if it was abridged to obligation, etc. Just to what extent he would let the "and so forth" go is not stated.

His conclusion is:

Owing to sickness and other disturbing causes, this report has not received the thought and consideration it deserves and is entitled to, but we send it forth with all of its imperfections, hoping that my companions will find something of interest therein.

WASHINGTON—1898.

The portrait of M. E. Carmi Dibble, Grand High Priest, graces the proceedings of the fourteenth annual convocation, which was held June 10, at Tacoma. The roll call found seventeen out of the eighteen constituent Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest confined his address almost entirely to official work. Among his dispensations were two to use substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree. Among By-Laws approved is one making a charge of \$5 for affiliation. This is a matter which has never met with our approval; it does not seem right that a companion who desires to help the Chapter near which he lives should be charged any sum for so doing. His annual dues ought to be sufficient compensation. Then, also, an affiliation fee tends to prevent non-affiliates from affiliating, and instead

of promoting membership does the very opposite. He was not called upon for any decisions. He declined all invitations to appoint representatives near his own Grand Chapter.

The Grand Orator made an interesting address, but space forbids our quoting it.

The next annual is to be held in Taconua.

A committee was appointed to procure and exemplify the ritual of the Grand Chapter of California at the next annual.

The correspondence report by Comp. Yancey C. Blacklock is a brief narrative of the bare facts found in the proceedings of forty-eight jurisdictions, and much space is devoted to decisions. He concludes with a statistical table of the forty-eight reviews which shows 12,725 exalted, a net gain in membership of 4,904, and a total membership of 210,556. Receipts, \$129,892.11; expenditures, \$126,550.61, and cash on hand \$131,705.07.

He reviewed Colorado for 1897, and concerning our irreverent remarks on the Washington ritual replied:

We will say, Companion F., that our ritual—call it as they may—is the ritual as adopted and used by the Grand Chapter of Illinois, and the change in opening and closing is merely in phraseology, as most of the workers in the Chapters are the workers in the Lodges of which they are members; if you think for a minute it is a “crazy quilt” work, come out to Walla Walla and we will take pleasure in exemplifying it to you, and if you can show us anything better we are willing to adopt it, but we have never seen the work of the General Grand Chapter exemplified and until we do will not change, as we do not believe in “swapping horses while crossing the creek.”

We differ with his view expressed under North Carolina, “That none of the Grand Council should hold office in a subordinate Chapter.”

He quotes approvingly Comp. Levoy’s remarks in his report of 1897 on non-payment of dues, in which matter we agree with him.

He thus comments on the muddle made by the Grand High Priest with the grand jurisdiction of Pennsylvania:

We think if he had studied landmarks thoroughly and knew ’em when he “saw ’em” he would not have gotten into the following mess.

Notwithstanding his conclusion :

"We have done and although the work presented is not 'good, true and square,' hope it will pass the overseer's square and that we will be entitled to the wages of our companions' approval."

The work has been tried by others and fits their squares, and is considered good and suitable for the adornment of the Royal Arch.

WEST VIRGINIA—1898.

The genial face of Grand High Priest John C. Piheldaffer greets us on opening the proceedings of the twenty-eighth annual grand convocation which was held at Wheeling on November 14. He was unable to be present, but sent a written address, which was read by the Grand Secretary. When the roll was called twenty subordinate Chapters were found to be represented.

The Grand High Priest reports that he was not asked a single question and considers it indicates a creditable familiarity with Capitular law.

He granted a dispensation to twenty companions to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

He reports the fraternity, or as he calls it, "Order," in a most flourishing condition, but for want of statistical information which the regulations required to be furnished, but which had been neglected, he was unable to compare with former years.

The Grand Lecturer reported that his duties and those of his deputies had not been arduous from the fact that none of the Chapters requested the services of either, and concludes that consequently the officers of all the Chapters must be proficient. We should think rather a rash conclusion.

At the reception of the grand representatives Comp. Magnus A. Snodgrass did not appear to be welcomed for Colorado.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers said :

We are not unmindful that cases occur when dispensations to ballot out of time are proper, and we approve the grants and refusals

by the Grand High Priest in his report, but we recognize that this is a practice to be discountenanced, and should not, as a rule, be permitted unless from most urgent reasons.

The following report of the Finance Committee was very pleasing to the subordinates and it is unfortunate that more Grand Chapters cannot do likewise:

Your committee also recommends that in view of the large balance in the treasury, that this Grand Chapter remit to each subordinate Chapter for the next Capitular year the sum of 25 cents per member as Grand Chapter dues.

No grievances or appeals.

Membership, 1,667, a net gain of 206.

Charters were issued to two Chapters.

The matter of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand and New South Wales was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Following the minutes of the convocation we find a portrait of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary John W. Morris.

As an appendix the action and resolutions of the several subordinate Chapters of West Virginia on the death of R. E. Sir Odel Squier Long are given, showing the high esteem in which he was held by all who came in contact with him.

WISCONSIN—1899.

The forty-ninth annual convocation was opened in due form in the Masonic building in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, February 21, A. D. 1899, A. I. 2429, and lasted two days.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, welcomes everybody, the new arrivals, those who have "won their spurs" by faithful attendance, the Past Grand High Priests, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer and others. He had found the past year one of uninterrupted prosperity from a business point of view. Pays tribute to the honored dead of his own and sister jurisdictions, but in so doing names Oren H. Henry as Owen H. Perry.

Among questions asked him was one, where the candidate had been ordered removed from the room on account of conduct indicating an intention to be smart or cunning, and his right to proceed further questioned. The Grand High Priest properly said it was a local matter within the control of the Chapter, and added the following very sensible remarks:

I took occasion to also say, and desire to repeat here that I think cases like this are too often *promoted* by the companion trying to get *too much fun* out of conferring the degrees, all of which is entirely wrong. To laugh and have a good time *after it is all over* is all well enough, but to do anything during the ceremonies whereby a candidate is made to feel or know that there is evidently some amusement for the members, and especially to give sly hints or instructions to candidates before and while the work is being done, can not be too strongly condemned.

In domestic and foreign relations he found peace and harmony prevailing.

He made some good recommendations and is certainly right in the following:

The practice of giving the keys to candidates and instructing them how to read the same, in order that they may post up in the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees is an abuse which I deem a violation of the obligation. Even if the lecture of the Royal Arch was not in these keys, it has always seemed to me entirely out of order to even let the candidate know there is a key, to say nothing of giving it to him, but with the Royal Arch lecture following in the same book, I think the practice in the highest degree reprehensible and really a violation of the obligation.

He suggested a fitting celebration of the semi-centennial of the Grand Chapter, which occurs February, 1900.

The Committee on Credentials reported Comp. Frank C. Jackson present to speak for Colorado. They also found representatives from seventy-three constituent Chapters answering to roll call.

The Grand Secretary states that the membership is now 6,080, being a net gain of 106.

The Grand Lecturer reports considerable apathy, for he says:

In all may be heard the complaint of a small attendance upon regular meetings and a lack of interest on the part of their members; that it is more difficult to maintain an interest in the Chapters than in any other of the Masonic bodies, and that even the conferring of the degrees is no longer the drawing card it once was.

In some Chapters considerable work has been done, in others there has been none. The cause of this growing indifference in Capitular Masonry is to many a mystery. That the Chapter is sometimes used as a mere stepping-stone to the Commandery, as is often said, is no doubt a fact, nor can it be avoided. The degrees of the Commandery are to some more attractive, and equally true is it that there are others for whom the Lodge is most to their liking, and such preferences will naturally influence them in their attendance. But from careful observation I am more and more of the opinion that to a considerable extent the Chapters themselves, and particularly the officers, are responsible for the condition of which they so often complain.

Again, regarding the conferring of degrees, he well says:

Most Chapters are conforming to the requirements of the Grand and General Grand Chapters and are now confining themselves more closely to the ritualistic work, particularly in the conferring of the Past Master and Royal Arch degrees. Yet these are still a few in which additions have been made and practices introduced, which are not only foreign to the work, having no reference to the symbolism of the degrees or the lessons intended to be taught, but are most reprehensible, as being productive of levity among the members, and by destroying the solemnity of the degrees, they so much lessen the importance in the minds of candidates as to make of them a subject for the amusement of others, and should be avoided.

There are many other good points made in his report, which will fit most jurisdictions.

The General Committee recommended a charter for Richland Center Chapter, which had been working U. D., and it was granted.

Charity enters into the work of this Grand Chapter, for we find a committee for that purpose recommending appropriations of \$50 each for two widows, to be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, to be paid in such amounts and at such times as he may deem expedient. Of course, it is unnecessary to say that in a Grand Chapter where such a committee exists their recommendation was adopted.

Again we have the pleasure of perusing an interesting report on correspondence from Comp. W. C. Swain, which is his sixteenth. He says:

We give it with the usual misgivings lest we are threshing over old straw, and discussing old questions *ad nauseum*. Still, we bear in mind the remark of Comp. Isaacs some years ago, that there are new actors continually coming upon the stage, to whom what we say will be fresh, and possibly some of the old wheel horses have forgotten what was written one year ago.

Among the remarks he makes on subjects of general interest are:

If he (James W. Staton, of Kentucky) had his way, he would abolish the Past Master's degree as a pre-requisite for installation in the Lodge, but would still retain it in the Chapter. We would reverse that—retain it for the Lodge and strike it out of the Chapter. We agree with him in opposition to conferring Honorary past rank upon one who has never filled an office entitling him to claim it. We also agree that the recognition of foreign grand chapters is a matter for the General Grand Chapter, rather than for state bodies.

On the subject of Past Masters we stand with Staton, and say leave it alone. In the Lodge it is made nothing but a farce; where it is it can and should be made to teach impressive lessons.

The following is something it is our intention to promote at our next annual. We did try to start it in 1888, in which year, as Grand High Priest, we advocated it, but were not successful in carrying our views.

We (Swain) introduced in our last Grand Chapter a proposition that six months should elapse after receiving the Master's degree, before a brother should be eligible for the Chapter, for the sole purpose of mitigating this evil (proselyting) but were voted down. It is no uncommon thing for a petition for the Chapter to be shoved under a brother's nose before he has received the third degree; and we have heard of candidates being solicited for the Commandery before they were through the Lodge. To say that we are disgusted is no name for our feelings on this subject.

On physical qualifications we are with him when he says:

It is one of the matters we are willing to leave to subordinate Chapters without any legislation by grand bodies.

He expresses views regarding the new Michigan constitution regulating limits, which is in conformity to our own.

In all he reviews forty-five jurisdictions. We would like to quote some, as we have marked many more good things, but we have already exceeded the limit and therefore with regrets must refrain.

DIGEST OF DECISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS REVIEWED.

AFFILIATION.

A Royal Arch Mason made in Ireland, where the degrees of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. are not a pre-requisite, must receive those degrees before he can affiliate, but they can be conferred without charge and then he can affiliate with a proper certificate.—New York, 1899.

BALLOT.

In the event of but one black ball or cube appearing in the first ballot for a candidate for advancement and exaltation or for affiliation, the High Priest, before any announcement is made, may at once order another ballot.—New Jersey, 1899.

DEGREES.

No Chapter has a right either directly or indirectly to confer the degrees for a less sum than specified in the by-laws.—Arkansas, 1898.

A brother who runs a bar in connection with his hotel is not ineligible for the degrees solely on that account.—Minnesota, 1898.

A subordinate Chapter can not ballot for all the degrees at one time.—Ohio, 1898.

DIMITS.

A dimit granted is immediate in its effect and is irrevocable. It can not be reconsidered at the convocation at which it was granted, nor at a subsequent one.—District of Columbia, 1898.

An officer of a Chapter can not dimit, but on proper showing the Grand High Priest could accept his resignation and authorize a new election, when an application for dimit could be acted on.—Louisiana, 1899.

A dimitted Royal Arch Mason is not eligible to election to honorary membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio.—Ohio, 1898.

A Royal Arch Mason dimitted from his Lodge more than six months, and refusing or neglecting to petition for affiliation, thereby becomes a non-affiliate Royal Arch Mason.—Ohio, 1898.

A Past High Priest who dimit from his Chapter does not regain membership in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas on again affiliating.—Texas, 1898.

ELECTION.

It is not competent for a Chapter by resolution to authorize any member thereof to cast the vote of his Chapter for any officer, and the vote of a Chapter so cast is void.—Ohio, 1898.

JURISDICTION.

The legal residence, the place where one votes, determines the Chapter's territorial jurisdiction over a brother Master Mason.—Illinois, 1898.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Chapter may sue a member to whom it has loaned money.—Arkansas, 1898.

The presence of not less than five members and enough visitors to make nine is sufficient to transact any business and ballot on petitions.—Arkansas, 1898.

Marriage of a Mason's female relative to one who is not a Mason does not discharge our Masonic obligation to such person.—Illinois, 1898.

A Chapter has the right to vote money out of its treasury for all Masonic purposes. Charity is a Masonic purpose, consequently a Chapter has the right to vote out of its treasury reasonable relief to a Mason's female relative, although married to one who is not a Mason, if in the judgment of the Chapter the circumstances warrant it.—Illinois, 1898.

It is within the power of a Chapter to remit, by resolution, a part of the dues of a suspended companion, and the amount so remitted should be considered as fully satisfied as if paid in taking action for restoration under the thirteenth general regulation.—New Jersey, 1899.

A companion voluntarily unaffiliated with a Lodge for more than one year is not in good standing.—New York, 1899.

A brother advanced to the Mark Master degree in 1873, in Ohio, can not apply anew here for the degrees, but must procure a waiver of jurisdiction or request from his Chapter to confer the degrees.—North Dakota, 1898.

The G. H. S. D. should be given in opening or in closing the Royal Arch Degree.—North Dakota, 1898.

A member in arrears for dues remains in good standing until the High Priest orders the Secretary to enter him suspended. Rule 4 of the Grand Chapter is not self-executing.—Ohio, 1898.

The Chapter nearest the place of residence of a petitioner is the nearest by line of travel and not by a straight line.—Pennsylvania, 1898.

A brother elected to receive the Capitular degrees need not present himself for initiation within a period of six months; he has one

year from date of his election in which to take his degrees.—South Dakota, 1899.

A protest after a ballot, at any stage prior to the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, shall operate as a black ball.—Texas, 1898.

A Master Mason elected to receive the degrees and neglecting to present himself to receive them for more than one year, must be again balloted for.—Wisconsin, 1899.

NOMINATIONS.

In electing officers every Chapter can use its own discretion whether nominations shall or shall not be made, but the election must be by ballot.—Arkansas, 1898.

OBJECTION.

An objection filed after ballot constitutes a rejection and the fee should be refunded.—Michigan, 1899.

A protest against the advancement of a candidate elected for the degrees, made before receiving any degree, which is not withdrawn before the expiration of six months from date of filing the same, has the effect of a rejection.—Wisconsin, 1899.

PETITION.

A petition received by a Chapter, referred to a committee and reported on, can not be withdrawn.—Alabama, 1898.

A Chapter can legally receive a petition of a brother who does not reside in its jurisdiction and ask for a waiver of jurisdiction from the Chapter under whose jurisdiction he resides, and when such waiver is received can elect and confer the degrees.—Illinois, 1898.

After the petition of a brother has been received and acted on favorably by one Chapter, it is improper that another Chapter should receive it without consent of the first named.—Kentucky, 1898.

After a petition has been referred to a committee it can not be withdrawn.—Michigan, 1899.

The petition of a commercial traveler who claims no particular residence can not be received by a Chapter. He must be a resident of the Chapter jurisdiction for four months next preceding the presentation of his petition.—New York, 1899.

QUALIFICATION.

It is unlawful to elect and confer the degrees on a brother who has lost his right hand.—Arkansas, 1898.

RESTORATION.

A companion expelled by his Lodge and subsequently restored by it to all rights and privileges, restores his standing as a Royal Arch Mason.—Texas, 1898.

SUBSTITUTE.

Only one substitute can be allowed in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.—Wisconsin, 1899.

SUSPENSION.

Expulsion or suspension from the Blue Lodge is *pro facto*, a suspension or expulsion from the Chapter.—North Dakota, 1898.

Suspension in the Lodge works suspension in the Chapter.—Texas, 1898.

VACANCY.

A vacancy in office of Scribe can not be filled by election. Appointment must be made at each convocation until the regular election.—Arkansas, 1898.

The Grand High Priest is not required to grant a dispensation for an election to fill a vacancy in a Chapter caused by death, but he may do so if deemed desirable.—Ohio, 1898.

VOTE.

When a By-Law exists requiring a companion to have a certain financial standing to be entitled to vote at the annual meeting, he can not vote unless so qualified.—California, 1899.

The Sentinel, if a member of the Chapter, is entitled to "participate" in a ballot, if he desires to do so.—Illinois, 1898.

WAIVER.

Action upon a request for a waiver of territorial jurisdiction is determined by an open majority vote of the companions present at a regular convocation.—New Jersey, 1899.

A Chapter has a right to grant a waiver of jurisdiction, and the degrees should be conferred by the Chapter electing, but another Chapter can confer the degrees by request from the Chapter electing. When the degrees are conferred the companion becomes a member of the Chapter that elects.—Texas, 1898.

CONCLUSION.

In finishing our report this year, there appears to be no marked change in the condition of the Royal Craft. Occasionally there have been reports of apathy and possibly even of a retrograde step, but more frequently an increase of membership and zeal is the greeting.

The "Masonic Homes" in several states are doing a grand and noble work of charity. Would that there were more, and that we expended a larger proportion of our income in such beneficent work. When we examine the amounts of money received each year by the Grand Chapters, and reflect what an insignificant proportion of it is employed for the assistance of the needy, ought we not to pause to consider whether we are doing our whole duty and trying to live up to the high ideal of our institution?

May it not be that the causes which we have in our self-esteem given as the reasons for lack of interest, non-application, suspensions for non-payment of dues, poor attendance, etc., lies far, far deeper, and is actually the result of our failure to carry out the high moral, intellectual and charitable standard that we claim. In the words of that Great Light, which we are taught to turn to on all important occasions, could not the question be well put to us, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

When I commenced this report I intended to tabularize the receipts and expenditures of all the Grand Chapters, to show the proportion of their income expended for various purposes, and especially for charity, but from the manner in which the reports are made I found that it was not feasible, or that I could not produce such a table as I thought would be useful and interesting.

In looking over the list of Grand Secretaries, I find that in time of service but two exceed that of Ed C. Parmelee, our Grand Secretary. He has now completed twenty-four years. Those serving a longer time are Chris-

topher G. Fox of New York, thirty-two years; J. L. Power of Mississippi, twenty-nine years.

It is with sincere regret that among the reportorial corps we notice the loss of the veteran Pillans, the sore affliction of Schultz and the severe indisposition for two years past of Williams, of Ohio. They have been our constant contemporaries of the guild, their work was always good, true and square, and whilst we still hope to hear more from the latter two and that the hand of affliction may press less heavily upon them, of the first nothing but a sweet memory of good deeds and writings live after him.

For the many kind words and encouragement given us in our work from our own companions and those who have tested our work, we feel proud and thankful, and trusting we may again have given information and pleasure are, fraternally,

ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER,
Chairman Correspondence Committee.

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AUGUST 31, 1899.

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CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

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DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

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PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

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GEORGETOWN CHAPTER No. 4.

GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

Convocations Third Saturday in Each Month.

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*Not a member.

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Hanson, Chris.
Johnson, Fred S.
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Pollard, Chas. W.
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Swanson, August.
White, A. K.
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GOLDEN CHAPTER No. 5.

GOLDEN, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Convocations First and Third Thursdays in Each Month.

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John Perry Kelly, P. S.
Charles H. Wade, R. A. C.

William Triplett, M. 3d V.
Joseph Mann, M. 2d V.
Joseph Dennis, Jr., M. 1st V.
W. Arthur, Dier, Treas.
Geo. Keith Kimball, Sec'y.
Alexander Kerr, Sent.

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Chinn, Raleigh W.
Clark, Charles T.
Elwood, A. S.

Hall, Robert D.
Kelly, James.
Kelly, George.
Koenig, Rudolph.

McGonigal, George.
Nankivel, James.
Parfet, Caleb E.
Welch, Clark C.

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER No. 6.

COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Tuesdays in Each Month.

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Jas. W. Atkinson, S.
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F. R. Van Meter, P. S.
Arthur W. Newton, R. A. C.

S. S. Hatfield, M. 3d V.
Phillip Nohe, M. 2d V.
Arthur G. Sharp, M. 1st V.
A. Matthews, Treas.
E. S. Cohen, Sec'y.
John Williams, Sent.

MEMBERS.

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Boyer, Samuel L.
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Bott, Anthony.
Banning, Wm. M.
Beynon, Benj. L.

Bennett, C. De B.
Bish, Gordon B.
Britton, Ernest.
Beshears, James.
Berlew, Walter.
Bernard, Samuel S.
Bennett, D. H.
Bates, L. N.
Bates, Wm. H.

Beeson, Ernest B.
Buchman, Otto E.
Barnes, Marion O.
Courter, John.
Casser, Constantine.
Cable, H. S.
Castello, Frank F.
Conger, C. W.
Coleman, Jos. E.

Callahan, P. L.	Kuhn, C. E.	Reed, Verner Z.
Craig, William.	Konyon, Arthur D.	Rickerson, O. E.
Dow, F. E.	Lawton, A. L.	Rawley, Francis.
Dudley, C. H.	Leddy, M. A.	Sessions, S. E.
Darrington, J. C.	Lawrence, George W.	Schmitt, Jacob.
Davis, F. P.	Latas, Jacob.	Severy, James B.
Danser, E. S.	McShane, David.	Steele, W. S.
Eaton, E. J.	Maltby, S. F.	Stubbs, C. E.
Ellison, J. M.	Munson, R. D.	Skinner, L. C.
Eubank, J. J.	McCoach, John.	Shideler, Thomas.
France, Matt.	McWhorter, W. A.	Smith, E. J.
Frizzell, Wm.	McGregor, Alfred J.	Smith, S. L.
Fehringer, Adolph.	Meyers, John H.	Snider, George.
Grafton, H. H.	McCormack, J. W.	Stovell, J. W. D.
Giddings, E. W.	Morris, Wesley S.	Smith, J. H. J.
Gough, Thomas.	Middagh, Jas. L.	Snyder, C. N.
Gunnell, A. T.	Middagh, Pleasants W.	Smith, S. Ben.
Greenland, J. F.	Mitchell, Horace H.	Stratton, W. S.
Horn, Thos. G.	Mills, Edward E.	Schwarz, Robert.
Howbert, Irving.	Martin, Fredrick L.	Seymour, A. F.
Himebaugh, J. A.	Noxon, Aury B.	Sill, J. A.
House, Augustus.	Potter, John.	Sheafor, John V.
Hoagland, W. H.	Perry, C. R.	Spurgeon, W. H.
Henry, O. E.	Perkins, F. A.	Scott, Jas. W.
Hughes, Thos.	Pine, F. A.	Southcotte, George B.
Hutchinson, A. B.	Puffer, L. A.	Tilton, W. F.
Humphrey, A. L.	Peyser, George.	Thomas, Frank.
Hext, Thos.	Porter, Otis E.	Tomson, T. W.
Hutchinson, J. Cooper.	Pattenson, B. W.	Wolfe, J. S.
Huffman, T. M.	Robinson, Fred E.	Woodbury, J. C.
Hebard, William.	Roby, F. F.	Warren, M. F.
Hayner, Fred G.	Reld, H. I.	Weir, J. A.
Henderson, P. L.	Rice, D. H.	Walter, E. R.
Hallett, H. M.	Reed, W. H.	Waltermeyer, E. L.
Houston, G. M.	Robertson, D. B.	Woodside, W. P.
Helzer, David N.	Reynolds, J. E.	Wellington, Q. J.
Imler, David H.	Reed, Raymond.	Ward, A. J.
Jones, A. D.	Ratfield, M. S.	Wheeler, Charles N.
Jenkins, Alfred D.	Rowell, Milo.	Watson, Henry A.

BOULDER CHAPTER No. 7.

BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

OFFICERS.

James E. Hubbard, H. P.	Chas. E. Coulehan, M. 2d V.
Geo. F. Chase K.	Chas. H. Wise, M. 1st V.
Andrew J. Macky, S.	Geo. F. Fonda, Treas.
Richard Gilbert, C. H.	Hiram E. Washburn, Sec'y.
Chas. C. Bromly, P. S.	Henry W. Sheets, Sent.
Wm. Goldsworthy, R. A. C.	J. W. Develline, Chap.
Geo. W. Teal, M. 3d V.	

MEMBERS.

Allison, William H.	Hult, William.	Oliver, Geo. S.
Allen, John.	Hood, James H.	Oliver, Wm.
Bradley, Herbert N.	Ives, John N.	Pine, B. Frank.
Bergheim, Jonas.	Jackson, Nelson.	Russell, Chas. A.
Burns, M. F.	Johnston, Frank E.	Rosser, William.
Barney, Royal S.	Jones, Latham W.	Rosven, William F.
Billman, Will S.	Jay, Manuel.	Rogers, Platt.
Baylor, Chas. N.	Kohler, Fred W., Jr.	Robinson, Daniel A.
Beam, August.	Kohler, Fred W., Jr.	Smith, Manus G.
Brown, William.	Knell, Thomas.	Strasberger, M.
Crary, John H.	Kenyon, Enoch.	Schriver, John C.
Conway, James C.	Luxon, Joseph.	Stevens, R. W.
Church, John L.	Lescher, John.	Seeley, Worth L.
Cheney, Chas. H.	McClure, Geo. M.	Saggan, John H.
Carruthers, John.	McClure, Harry B.	Simpson, James.
Coulehan, Robt. E.	Meyring, Henry.	Sauer, J. W.
Downer, Sylvester S.	Moorhead, James L.	Sibley, N. D.
Dodge, Horace O.	Monell, Henry.	Titcomb, John S.
Dowd, Joseph S.	Madera, Shep L.	Treizse, John G.
Emmett, Wm. W.	McAllister, Dan E.	Tyler, Frank.
Fisher, Peter W.	McAllister, C. Milo.	Trovillion, Edward B.
Fisher, John B.	Miller, James P.	Turner, John Jr.
Fuller, Hiram.	Mulford, John S.	Thompson, John C.
Fruth, Geo.	Metcalf, Eli P.	White, Wm. W.
Faurot, Chas. S.	Metcalf, Frank P.	Whitley, Richard H.
Fairhurst, Chas. A.	McKenzie, Nell D.	Wilson, Thos. V.
Greene, Oscar F. A.	Nicholson, John W.	Washburn, Hiram E.
Grant, Donald.	Nicholson, Wm. H.	Williamson, Fred L.
Heizelman, Frank.	Neiderberger, Frank A.	Williams, John B.
Henry, Albert T., Sr.	O'Conner, Tim.	Wolfer, Chas. F.
Henry, Albert T., Jr.		

LONGMONT CHAPTER No. 8.

LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Saturdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

J. A. Buckley, H. P.	Wm. King, M. 3d V.
J. W. Denio, K.	C. F. Andrew, M. 2d V.
M. J. Wilson, S.	Geo. E. Smith, M. 1st V.
Thos. Butler, C. H.	John Ramsay, Treas.
C. F. Bartell, P. S.	E. J. Coffman, Sec'y.
James Wiggins, R. A. C.	L. H. Dickson, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, F. V.	Brown, C. M.	Coburn, W. T.
Allen, F. E.	Brown, G. W.	Crane, F. A.
Baker, C. H.	Butler, Stephen.	Daniels, J. E.
Bardill, Conrad.	Butler, Geo. W.	Davis, D. F.
Beckwith, E. Francis.	Callahan, T. M.	Davis, F. B.
Belcher, Freeman.	Clark, C. C.	Davis, F. I.

Dell, Geo. T.
Dietrich, L. H.
Downer, F. M.
Entwistle, Thos.
Gardner, C. H.
Gibson, A. L.
Grant, J. Q.
Gray, D. E.
Gregg, C. J.
Greiner, J. W.
Harris, G. M.
Hartman, John.
Henderson, A. M.
Herron, O. T.
Herron, Ira L.

Hockenberger, Wm.
Hubbell, R. M.
Johnson, August.
Johnson, A. A.
Johnston, T. F.
King, A. G.
Lee, Joseph.
Minor, H. M.
Mitchell, Joseph.
Morgan, J. J.
Nelson, Peter.
Nelson, H. P.
Nicholson, Wm.
Norton, E. E.

Phillips, Geo. S.
Ransom, Dick.
Schey, Solomon.
Secor, M. G.
Shoemaker, F. J.
Slifer, E. G.
Small, Major.
St. Clair, Jas. A.
Van Valkenberg, R. J.
Warner, W. A.
Webb, W. H.
White, Eben.
Williams, Sam'l.
Wilson, J. L.

LEADVILLE CHAPTER No. 10.

LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

Convocations First and Third Mondays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

W. A. Shadbolt, H. P.
R. A. Cruikshank, K.
B. F. Griffith, S.
Jno. C. Howell, C. H.
Jno. L. Wright, P. S.
Silas A. McPhee, R. A. C.

Fred C. Miller, M. 3d V.
Gustav Scheuneman, M. 2d V.
Jas. McMordie, M. 1st V.
Chas. Hayden, Treas.
H. R. Pendery, Sec'y.
Hans Jans, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Armington, Jno. F.
Alfred, Jno.
Andrews, E. H.
Branch, A. H.
Beemer, Lewis J.
Boettcher, Chas.
Bowdish, R. C.
Burnand, A. A.
Blakely, H. M.
Braden, Wm.
Brown, Geo. P.
Brown, S. M.
Bretherton, S. E.
Baldy, Jno. P.
Becker, Barney.
Bonner, D. P.
Champion, Jno. R.
Cavender, Chas.
Christian, Chas. J.
Corwin, H. D.
Crawford, Wm. C.
Dougan, D. H.
Dickinson, Chas. E.
Dickinson, F. L.
L.ckinson, W. M.
De Lay, Robt. L.
Eaton, Robert.
Ewing, Jno. E.
Freeman, O. M.
Fountain, I. E.

Gasken, Wm.
Guller, Wm.
Galloway, B. S.
Gearhart, J. H.
Given, Mansfield.
Goslin, Arthur M.
Goddard, L. M.
Harvey, Jno.
Hughes, Jno. H.
Hersey, Clarence.
Hellbeck, Gustav.
Hilton, Jno. E.
Hurd, Frank W.
Johnson, David.
Kneale, Thos.
Kahn, Isaac.
La Salle, David.
Lindsay, Joseph.
Long, Lorenzo F.
Mack, Jacob.
McMillen, Rod.
McMillen, Sam'l.
McLean, Kenneth E.
Manchester, Simon.
McCoy, W. W.
Melville, Allen.
Maxwell, Jno. M.
Mitchell, H. C.
Murray, Geo.
Murray, L. S.

McNiven, Dan.
Milton, James.
McNulty, James.
Newell, James W.
Nelson, James.
Nell, Jno. V.
Nowland, Jno.
Nicholson, S. D.
Peterson, P. A.
Pierce, J. N.
Power, Roger.
Polkinghorn, W. A.
Rockwell, Jas. J.
Recen, Dan A.
Ramsay, Geo. W.
Reef, Jos. F.
Steen, Wm. J.
Smith, Joel W.
Stotesbury, Jno. H.
Stilwell, Jno. C.
Swedberg, Jno. F.
Swain, L. C.
Sands, Chas.
Stickley, Benj. F.
Thompson, W. L.
Tost, C. F.
Vincent, Thos. W.
Vulpius, Herman.
Williams, Jno. H.
Woodford, J. W.

CACHE LA POUDRE CHAPTER No. 11.

FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Fridays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Lewis C. Moore, H. P.
John E. Davidson, K.
L. D. Crain, S.
Jefferson McAnelly, C. H.
A. A. Edwards, P. S.
Frank F. Brazil, R. A. C.

Chas. F. Keyes, M. 3d V.
John Whitton, M. 2d V.
Stephen H. Seckner, M. 1st V.
George A. Webb, Treas.
C. R. Secord, Sec'y.
Ole Helgeson, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, Andrew.
Anderson, Peter.
Arthur, Jas. B.
Annls, Frank J.
Andrews, Chas. B.
Boughton, Jay H.
Brown, Jas. A.
Brown, Arthur F.
Bennett, E. J.
Bennett, I. W.
Beach, Jerry T.
Bartholt, Frank G.
Budrow, Jas. T.
Barnes, Wm.
Blackmer, Adrian.
Clark, S. E.
Chapman, C. J.
Cuthbertson, Jas.
Davy, Thos. H.

Doolittle, Thos. H.
Downey, John W.
Ellis, Alston.
Gliddings, Leander.
Greiner, Jackson M.
Gage, Thaddeus A.
Hornor, Asa M.
Henderson, J. W.
Hall, Wm.
Hoag, A. N.
Hoffman, Jno. M.
Lee, E. A.
Lull, C. E.
Lane, Chas. D.
Lindenmeyer, Wm., Jr.
Loomis, Guy E.
Miner, Wm. B.
Montgomery, Thos. J.
Miller, Chas. P.

Maxwell, Chas.
Mahood, Wm. E.
McGlinley, Andrew.
Parker, Chas. V.
Robinson, Thos. M.
Robertson, Thos. H.
Randall, Chas. N.
Ramey, Thos. C.
Scott, Alexander W.
Silcott, W. G.
Sheldon, Chas. H.
Sutherland, W. B.
Stecker, M.
Stover, Frank P.
Scott, F. N. B.
Sullivan, Wm. W.
Turk, W. W.
Woodard, Chas. N.

SOUTH PUEBLO CHAPTER No. 12.

SOUTH PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

Convocations Second Friday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

William Young, H. P.
John F. Bishop, K.
George Reynolds, S.
Clement V. Marmaduke, C. H.
Edward T. Mulnix, P. S.
John H. H. Low, R. A. C.

Charles A. Lannon, M. 3d V.
William Peach, M. 2d V.
Richard C. Irwin, M. 1st V.
Christopher Wilson, Treas.
Howard M. Shoup, Sec'y.
James Stanchfield, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Alva.
Arnold, Wm. H.
Asp, Andrew N.
Baldwin, B. F.

Baldwin, Wm. A.
Barkley, Henry.
Bell, Herbert E.
Billington, Wm. H.

Blair, Samuel D.
Bruner, Richard J.
Cameron, John.
Cooper, Wm. W.

Corkish, Robert, Jr.	Hutchcraft, Wm. A.	Reece, C. W.
Corwin, Richard W.	Jackson, Alex.	Rees, Joseph R.
Cox, Charles.	James, Rees.	Rice, Charles O.
Cox, Edward.	Kelker, John.	Robinson, James H.
Cox, E. T.	Ketner, John D.	Robinson, John T.
Davies, John.	Kling, Alex T.	Royal, Andrew.
Davis, Will B.	Klee, Benj. F.	Sheriff, Samuel.
De Jersey, John T.	Knight, Henry.	Shockey, Wm. L.
Divelbiss, J. H.	Martel, James P.	Shubert, Richard O.
Donegan, John.	McKee, John M.	Singer, Frank.
Doudna, John V.	Meales, Jacob M.	Smith, Yealand.
Eberenz, George B.	Merriam, Henry C.	Stewart, Alexander T.
Fariss, John R.	Middelkamp, Wm. A.	Stewart, Frank H.
Florman, Louis.	Mills, Charles W.	Stone, Thomas C.
Frain, Luther S.	Mirick, Frank G.	Straft, Louis B.
Fraser, W. G.	Morgan, David.	Tasker, Joseph.
Glatzel, Frank.	Moses, Arthur H.	Thompson, Thomas.
Hahn, Chris.	Moses, Lincoln E.	Tinkle, W. W.
Hancock, Wm. W.	Moses, Wm. A.	Valentine, Joseph R.
Hanna, Joseph P.	Olin, Ceylon E.	Van Brunt, Wm.
Harpster, George F.	Orman, James B.	Walk, Wm.
Harris, Alfred B.	Park, Andrew.	Williamson, Henry A.
Hartman, Adolph.	Pearson, John I.	Wilmunder, Robert.
Hathaway, Edmund W.	Porter, Wm. W.	Wilson, D. M.
Hollis, Wm. A.	Quackenbush, Richard M.	Wingett, George W.
Hubbell, Edward E.	Ramsey, George S.	

GREELEY CHAPTER No. 13.

GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

Convocations First Monday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

S. Atkinson, H. P.	Wm. Hopper, M. 3d V.
Wm. Mayher, K.	H. Ecker, M. 2d V.
M. P. Henderson, S.	H. H. Shaw, M. 1st V.
O. M. Abbott, C. H.	P. Huffsmith, Treas.
W. Hall Thompson, P. S.	J. A. Woodbury, Sec'y.
I. O. Glazier, R. A. C.	C. Heaton, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Brush, Jared L.	Hilton, Benj. W.	Randolph, Calvin.
Beetham, James.	Igo, Albert.	Ramsey, Allen.
Barber, James S.	Johnson, Bruce F.	Salomon, Adolph Z.
Beetham, Joseph W.	Johns, Rudolph H.	Stockover, Frank E.
Cooper, Harry J.	James, J. John.	Springfield, J. Henry.
Crouter, Chas. W.	Kelly, David.	Smyser, Frank.
Davis, Arthur W.	Lucas, Theo.	Thomson, James W.
Eaton, Benj. H.	Manning, Frederick S.	Wolaver, Jacob M.
Eaton, Bruce G.	Matteson, Mengo C.	Wasley, Wm. P.
Freeman, James M.	Macy, Thos. G.	Wallace, Robt. K.
Gale, Jesse S.	Porter, Frank R.	Willard, Le Barron.
Gale, Edwin M.	Pollock, Wm. Perry.	West, Henry T.
Hogarty, Wm. P.	Petrekln, John M. B.	Williams, Henry M.
Henderson, Gustave A.	Rugh, Chris.	Warren, John T.
Howard, Albert A.		

CANON CITY CHAPTER No. 14.

CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

Convocations Second Tuesday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

H. M. Mingay, H. P.
W. J. Davis, K.
Theo. Shoemaker, S.
A. H. Davis, C. H.
J. T. Little, P. S.
A. R. Frisbie, R. A. C.

E. W. Sibbald, M. 3d V.
G. A. Larson, M. 2d V.
W. L. Hawkins, M. 1st V.
J. H. Peabody, Treas.
J. M. Bradbury, Sec'y.
H. C. Webster, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Allen, David.
Arlett, G. H.
Adair, G. W.
Azdell, J. B.
Argall, David.
Bridwell, Wm. T.
Bridges, W. M.
Butler, E. A.
Bethel, Geo. W.
Bradbury, D. A.
Bradbury, Geo. E.
Black, A. R.
Bailey, M. S.
Bockfinger, Geo.
Beddoes, Cecil C.
Blunt, J. E.
Craven, Thos. H.
Collins, C. W.
Cassedy, G. R.
Chapman, J. P.
Caslet, Walter.
Cramer, H. T.
Cleghorn, John.
Clengan, P. H.
Carrier, F. N.
Clark, F. N.
Cromley, F. D.
Castlow, Joseph.
Durfée, Alfred.
Dufer, C. E.
Davis, M. T.
Davis, S. A.
Daniels, W. J.
Dyer, J. G.
Dyer, J. J.
Earle, Henry.
Eynon, David.
Ford, A. E.
Foster, W. J.
Gravestock, John.
Garrett, D. N.
Garrett, A. D.

Gibson, D. E.
Gibson, W. M.
Graham, Thos. F.
Hutton, V. A.
Hasbrouck, J. E.
Harding, T. M.
Haskins, C. F.
Hughes, Jos.
Hand, N. F.
Jack, D. A.
Jones, B. F.
Johnson, Geo. D.
Johnson, W. E.
Kellerberger, G. H.
Kyle, John.
Keller, Frank.
Knight, R. C.
Kohlman, L. X.
Lawrence, A. B.
Lloyd, Henry.
Liggett, S. W.
Lochhead, J. A.
Lantz, J. B.
Lines, M. N.
Lewis, M. E.
Millsom, J. W.
Mitchell, Edwin.
Mitchell, Geo. M.
Mock, Harry.
Maxon, C. W.
McGrath, Miles.
McNiel, John.
McGilliard, W. P.
McClure, W. H.
McKenzie, Geo.
McCreary, J. W.
Morrison, C. A.
Murray, J. W.
Mayhew, W. M.
Monroe, A. S.
Munroe, J. W.
Nelson, John.

Nikirk, C. G.
Nichols, S. S.
Norris, Joseph.
Pauls, Chas.
Price, H. L.
Patterson, Alec.
Patterson, J. A.
Pople, Roger.
Palmer, T. D.
Palmer, Hunter.
Plemmer, John.
Pierce, R. C.
Peabody, W. H.
Rudolph, A. E.
Rockafellow, B. F.
Robertson, John.
Roe, Geo. W.
Reed, A. R.
Rambo, J. W.
Rowe, D. L.
Sartor, A.
Shaffer, B. F.
Sell, Franz.
Stewart, R. C.
Stewart, R. D.
Standish, Miles.
Squire, J. F.
Sundmacher, C. H.
Smith, F. L.
Trout, W. H.
Tyson, Robert.
Topping, C. S.
Thomas, J. H.
Taylor, Chas.
Witcher, T.
Walton, Jos.
Williams, Geo.
Wells, C. W.
Whipple, F. H.
Watts, J. S.
Wear, Robt.
Young, L. C.

SAN JUAN CHAPTER No. 15.

DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

Convocations Second Friday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

John W. Wingate, H. P.
D. J. McCaffrey, K.
T. E. Peterson, S.
Harry Jackson, C. H.
J. H. McHolland, P. S.
R. A. Lowe, R. A. C.

C. E. Chadsey, M. 3d V.
Jno. T. Lyons, M. 2d V.
Geo. Weaver, M. 1st V.
J. L. Parsons, Treas.
W. J. Patterson, Sec'y.
W. H. La Counte, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Amboldt, Robt. A.
Bayley, Wm.
Barbour, T. F.
Bullis, Hiram.
Buttler, Chas. S.
Brown, Austin H.
Chapman, W. C.
Cadwell, Henry.
Clark, Louis.
Copp, G. V.
Dennison, P. F.
Franklin, G. W.
Freund, Geo.
Goodrich, J. G.
Gallotti, Frank.
Gault, Jno.
Gilbert, Bartlett.
Goodman, Henry C.
Hickey, Chas.

Hoskinson, Chas. G.
Kephart, Geo. W.
King, Wm. A.
Kruschkl, Isaac.
Klingender, Henry.
Knowles, Jno.
Lewis, A. R.
McConnell, Chas. E.
Merridith, Joseph.
McGrew, I. W.
Morrawetz, Albert.
Newman, Chas.
Prewitt, Joseph.
Pearson, Jno.
Parshall, W. W.
Rockwood, Thos.
Russell, J. L.
Roberts, Frank.

Sanford, J. C.
Stough, Geo. A.
Sloan, S. S.
Schalles, Chas.
Shaw, D. J.
Schrader, Harry.
Sheets, D. L.
Schutt, Jas. E.
Schwickheimer, David.
Shirey, W. T.
Thompson, S. H.
Thorp, Geo. L.
West, Geo. E.
Ware, Harry F.
Williams, C. M.
Wynne, Jno. C.
Wingate, Frank.
Young, Frank.

GUNNISON CHAPTER No. 16.

GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

Convocations Third Friday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

O. H. Alkine, H. P.
H. M. Webster, K.
M. Monahan, S.
John A. Steele, C. H.
J. E. Brothers, P. S.
H. C. Bartlett, R. A. C.

S. P. Spencer, M. 3d V.
Henry Purrier, M. 2d V.
Chas. L. Stewart, M. 1st V.
W. Burnett, Treas.
W. S. Rainbow, Sec'y.
Charles Belbel, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Carlisle, R. G.
Calvert, W. W.
Davis, Willett C.
Davis, W. H.
Edwards, Albert H.

Fine, W. J.
Gibson, Ezra.
Gray, T. W.
Hurley, David.
Hyzer, A. E.

Lawrence, J. S.
Lindauer, Leopold.
Lewis, Thomas J.
Lewis, Robert B.
Parlin, John T.

Pearson, John F.
Porter, George A.
Richardson, D. L.
Rhodes, Matthew.
Roblee, Morgan A.
Sapp, D. T.
Seetinger, Frederick A.

Shove, E. P.
Snyder, William.
Songer, Frank E.
Starr, Thomas.
Swearingen, W. B.
Tanner, Frank P.

Webb, John.
Wheeler, N. C.
Wilson, Richard B.
Winn, Charles F.
Wolf, Benjamin J.
Wright, Harry C.

SALIDA CHAPTER No. 17.

SALIDA, CHAFFEE COUNTY.

Convocations First Tuesday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

James B. McCoy, H. P.
Charles G. Johnson, K.
Fred W. Brush, S.
Geo. A. Montgomery, C. H.
Sherman W. Seelinger, P. S.
William W. Roller, R. A. C.

William M. Newman, M. 3d V.
Melvin J. Ruland, Treas.
Geo. W. McGovern, Sec'y.
William G. Sisson, Sent.
John Wallace Ohl, Chap.

MEMBERS.

Arenberg, Fred W.
Bonney, Josiah M.
Boucher, Elmer T.
Cole, Judson E.
Crymble, Hugh.
Condit, John A.
Cornwell, La Fayette.
Cartwright, William N.
Cummings, William.
Davidson, James A.
De Remer, Benj. H.
Disman, Benjamin.
Dobble, Harry.
Eddy, John A.

Fay, William W.
Guerin, Michael J.
Greif, Bernard.
Gwynn, John W.
Jackson, Frederick A.
Lewis, Titus.
Logan, William R.
Mitchell, Harry W.
Mitchell, George B.
McClure, Finley.
Martin, Theodore.
Morehouse, David W.
Nye, Augustus T.

Newton, Howell D.
Orr, Guy A.
Oleson, Gust A.
Shively, Charles L.
Smith, Matthew M.
Sattel, Thomas.
Thayer, Elmer A.
Rose, George W.
Van Meter, Stroud.
White, Henry L.
Wilber, Ernest.
Wood, Joshua W.
Wilcox, Charles A.

SAN LUIS VALLEY CHAPTER No. 18.

ALAMOSA, CONEJOS COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Tuesdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Geo. A. Willis, H. P.
George Booth, K.
C. M. Ball, S.
H. H. Dubendorff, C. H.
Geo. H. Shone, P. S.
F. W. Swanson, R. A. C.

C. A. Merriman, M. 3d V.
A. C. Cole, M. 2d V.
A. B. Ruby, M. 1st V.
Jno. Priestersbach, Treas.
W. H. Hirst, Sec'y.
W. D. Carroll, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Baxter, J. H.	Gertelsen, John.	Sylvester, L. B.
Bashear, Wm.	Graves, Walter H.	Sloan, Wm.
Bassett, Alden.	Hindle, Francis L.	Smith, Geo. K.
Bannister, Amos.	Hill, D. H.	Spranger, Wm. N.
Blackmore, Geo. L.	Hall, Clarence D.	Simpson, A. N.
Bradford, James E.	Kayser, Lee.	Thompson, J. L.
Bockfinger, Wm. F.	Law, John.	Tosh, L. O.
Cochran, Wm. H.	McKee, Milton.	Tracy, J. Dawson.
Dunning, Reuben.	McIntyre, A. W.	Wallace, R. B.
Elting, Chas. T.	Miller, A. L.	Worcester, Fred C.
Eeles, Wm.	Moore, Harley L.	Warburton, Geo. S.
Eeles, John J.	Monroe, Wm.	Wallrich, Christian.
Ewing, John J., Jr.	Packard, W. A.	Weiss, Louls.
Fitzer, A. B.	Rupert, J. K.	Weiss, August.
Foster, Chas. R.	Richardson, Wm. M.	Weiss, Adam.
Fynn, Arthur J.		

KEYSTONE CHAPTER No. 19.

ASPEN, PITKIN COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Mondays In Each Month.

OFFICERS.

C. W. Stringfield, H. P.	J. H. Scott, M. 3d V.
E. C. Bonnell, K.	Fred Lowenhagen, M. 2d V.
M. G. Kobey, S.	W. T. Huff, M. 1st V.
C. W. Fishel, C. H.	Simon Wachtel, Treas.
Cal McCren, P. S.	W. Porter Nelson, Sec'y.
A. L. Strehlike, R. A. C.	Wm. Parr, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Auld, John.	Dills, J. M.	Mills, D. A.
Bright, Wm. H.	Fectig, L. R.	Miller, Riley.
Brown, D. R. C.	Freeman, J. E.	Millner, Geo. T.
Baders, Dominick.	Fisher, R. H.	Mecklenburg, Abe.
Burnett, A. R.	Gillespie, H. B.	Petersen, Sam'l.
Canning, Jno. K.	Greener, J. H.	Ryan, M. D.
Carstens, Alex.	Geary, M. J.	Ruse, Joseph.
Campbell, J. W.	Hankins, E. L.	Schreiver, Chas.
Clawson, C. W.	Hopkins, Alfred.	Schafer, Chas.
Clark, W. S.	Halton, J. C.	Schoellkopf, J. H.
Clark, T. O.	Jennings, J. J.	Sweeney, John.
Cox, Wm. J.	Johnson, D. D.	Vickery, Geo. C.
Colin, James.	Kuntz, David.	Weinberg, Louls.
Cramer, H. H.	Lyster, T. G.	Williams, John R.
David, David.	McPherson, D. F.	Yates, F. M.
David, Isaac.	Martin, Geo. T.	

LA JUNTA CHAPTER No. 20.

LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY.

Convocations First and Third Tuesdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

G. H. Winchell, H. P.	Jas. B. Pearce, M. 3d V.
O. G. Hess, K.	T. J. Effner, M. 2d V.
V. Albera, S.	I. S. Bryant, M. 1st V.
G. A. Kilgore, C. H.	C. F. Kendall, Treas.
A. H. Paulsen, P. S.	R. A. Steen, Sec'y.
J. B. Sherman, R. A. C.	Wm. McCaskill, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Averill, W.	Hale, I. D.	Renahan, C. J.
Barnes, A. S.	Haskins, B. F.	Ricker, Chas.
Beard, Jno.	Haddaway, Rochester.	Ragsdale, E. W.
Dameron, G. M.	Jones, J. C.	Smith, E. J.
Donovan, J. W.	Johnson, Jno.	Soupsett, F. P.
Dean, Jno. W., Jr.	Johnson, Harry.	Steele, W. C.
Farley, Chas.	Kearby, E. W.	Stewart, A. G.
Finney, Frank.	Loomis, H. W.	Sherwin, Edward N.
Grant, E. W.	Marshall, E.	Stubbs, Chas. S.
Gauger, J. E.	Maxwell, H. I.	Thompson, A. F.
Goblin, W. B.	Maxwell, Geo. C.	Tompkins, Frank W.
Goddling, J. E.	Miller, K. S.	Tallafarro, Jas. C.
Goddling, T. F.	Nichols, Geo. H.	Vroman, Jno. C.
Gillisple, Rob't.	Reynolds, C. A.	

KILWINNING CHAPTER No. 21.

OURAY, OURAY COUNTY.

Convocations Second Wednesday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

W. W. Ashley, H. P.	Truman Waldron, M. 3d V.
Peter L. Lawrence, K.	A. W. Richardson, M. 2d V.
Albert Jeffers, S.	W. C. Fulton, M. 1st V.
Wm. H. Johnson, C. H.	Geo. A. Scott, Treas.
Carl J. Sigfrid, P. S.	Chas. A. Sperber, Sec'y.
Wm. T. Hays, R. A. C.	Jas. K. Herring, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Alexander, Wallace B.	Carney, Francis.	Grill, Ernest.
Abbott, James W.	Carney, John P.	Hammon, Chas. T.
Alschbach, Henry A.	Childers, Lawrence D.	Haskins, Chas. W.
Armstrong, Chas. A.	Corson, Howe G.	Hurlburt, Geo. R.
Begole, Geo. D.	Clamp, James.	Hendershot, Jos. D.
Bradley, Geo. T.	Corbett, Miles S.	Hooey, Thos.
Bradley, J. F.	Edgar, John T.	Jardine, John M.
Brown, Geo. A.	Foster, Henry P.	Kinley, Edw.
Brown, John S.	Fourrell, Wm. H.	Kinne H. W.

Knous, Alfred L.	McKenzie, Wm.	Story, Wm.
Kayser, Meyer.	Middaugh, Wm. H.	South, John.
Kramer, Wm. R.	Niles, James.	Springer, Albert R.
Knuz, Sam'l W.	Phillips, W. B.	Walther, Amos E.
Lee, Harry A.	Parllman, B. E.	Williams, Ralph.
Lacy, Geo.	Pierce, Geo. C.	Wilson, Walter B.
Long, James W.	Proudfoot, Robt.	Walsh, Thos. F.
Leonard, Chas. M.	Rider, Sam'l P.	Wagner, Jacob.
Mark, Milton H.	Rose, Chas. E.	Whinnerah, Richard.
Moore, Wm. D.	Rowan, W. W.	Wheeler, Walter r.
McLennan, John M.	Stevens, Theron.	

GLENWOOD CHAPTER No. 22.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, GARFIELD COUNTY.

Convocations First and Thlr Tuesday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

James W. Ross, H. P.	Thos. Kendrick, M. 3d V.
Samuel B. Eubanks, K.	C. C. Parks, M. 2d V.
Louis Schwarz, S.	J. R. De Remer, M. 1st V.
Fred A. Atkinson, C. H.	B. T. Napler, Treas.
Ed. T. Taylor, P. S.	M. H. Dean, Sec'y.
Wm. Rohr, R. A. C.	R. Stees, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Burcham, Frank.	Kamm, H. R.	Standish, Miles.
Clark, L. G.	Kniphausen, Edmond M.	Stevenson, A. M.
Clark, John M.	Love, Joseph.	Sweet, Frank E.
Durand, C. Ward.	Lee, Chas. A.	Schliff, Wm. A.
Dongan, Wm.	Moulton, Geo. H.	Stevenson, C. H.
Dinkel, Wm. M.	Maltby, Wm. E.	Smith, W. L.
Dynes, W. B.	Nuckols, Geo. H.	Schuester, Ernest.
Darrow, C. W.	Nelson, John.	Tillery, W. H.
Davis, Thos. L.	Oldland, R.	Taughenbaugh, J. Frank.
Davis, Benj. L.	Parkison, W. S.	Van Sycle, H. E.
Ewing, Fred C.	Rice, Geo. A.	Wood, Seth H.
Evans, W. S.	Rees, W. H.	Ward, Levi.
Evans, John.	Reilley, Don. J.	Williams, Joe P.
Fesler, John H.	Rhys, John.	Wraith, Samuel.
Hald, Geo.	Swan, Jos. S.	

TRINIDAD CHAPTER No. 23.

TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Thursdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Harry B. Brown, H. P.	Herman Biernbaum, M. 3d V.
Wm. S. Keeney, K.	Herman R. Quillitch, M. 2d V.
Thos. D. East, S.	Jos. L. Albertson, M. 1st V.
Wm. Crofoot, C. H.	Frank R. Wood, Treas.
Fred E. Cole, P. S.	John Humphreys, Sec'y.
David S. Harper, R. A. C.	Stoakley D. Hays, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Bridge, James L.	Hanson, Peter L.	Northcutt, Jesse G.
Brown, Simon V. B.	Hershey, Jno. B.	Peters, Wm. E.
Bateman, George C.	Hedges, Wm. K.	Pattison, Thos.
Brown, Henry E.	Horn, Lonny.	Rapp, Isaac H.
Blake, Carlos H.	Hensley, Jas. H.	Reinoehl, J. R.
Bush, R. A.	Hamerslough, Ralph.	Richards, M. J.
Brown, Mart.	Harper, Jno. D.	Riddle, Andrew.
Bullen, Chas. E.	Jaffa, Sol. H.	Ragsdale, T. J.
Bahl, Chas. F.	Jones, Wm. W.	Saylor, Ora L.
Brown, Jerome J.	Johnson, Louis.	Snedden, Alex.
Burkhard, Steve T.	Keeler, Frank L.	Stone, Daniel W.
Cornell, Gideon B.	Kennedy, A. C.	Smith, Wm. B.
Callaway, Doc. R.	Kirchgraber, Joe J.	Sugarman, Emanuel.
Cunningham, Wm. B.	Knight, Robt. J.	Stone, A. L.
Cook, Rufus G.	Kuver, Chris. C.	Sipe, Robert G.
Coleman, J. W.	Kahn, Jacob M.	Sipe, Burney B.
Cattlett, Robert H.	Linthurst, Jno. H.	Thomas, Evan.
Clark, O. T.	La Belle, Jason P.	Thompson, Wm.
Collier, Thos. B.	Lake, Robert.	Timmis, R. S.
Ditchburn, James.	Murphy, J. G.	Taylor, Angus.
Davis, James M.	Mahin, Wm. M.	Verliff, Peter.
Drake, Jesse R.	Millikin, Ivory Q.	Wilder, Wm. H.
Eyssenhardt, Paul.	Mitchell, Steve N.	Wallace, S. S.
East, Edw. C.	Mellick, Z. L.	Wight, Fred'k D.
Erickson, Peter.	Myers, Edw.	Williams, Thos.
Ellon, Morris.	Murray, Wm. J.	White, Henry.
Freudenthal, Leopold.	Munroe, W. F.	Wade, L. E.
Goodale, Frank D.	McAllister, Jas.	White, Dan T.
Gibbons, Richard D.	McClintock, E. E.	Wootton, Richens L.
Gottlieb, Leo. R.	McNeil, Wm.	Willson, Albert M.
Gordon, Wm.	Nolan, Patrick H.	

GRAND JUNCTION CHAPTER No. 24.

GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY.

Convocations Second Thursday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Wm. A. Marsh, H. P.	Jacob R. Fallis, M. 3d V.
Benjamin F. Jay, K.	Joseph M. Sampliner, M. 2d V.
Wm. H. Bannister, S.	John G. Broemser, M. 1st V.
David R. Crosby, C. H.	Theodore M. Jones, Treas.
Jacob H. Rice, P. S.	Wm. Carlyle, Sec'y.
Alvin T. Wharton, R. A. C.	Abel M. Layton, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Orson Jr.	Caswell, Charles F.	Eldridge, Edward F.
Bower, Columbus.	Crawford, Thomas B.	Glessner, Charles E.
Bull, Heman R.	Clark, David T.	Golden, Wm. H.
Blakeslee, Merrill W.	Davidson, Ruel L.	Gordon, George.
Barnhouse, Thomas E.	De Long, Horace T.	Grout, Alonzo C.
Bucklin, James W.	Evans, Edwin A.	Garman, Adam R.

Horton, John.
Hawkins, George D.
Krohn, Edward A.
Lumsden, John J.
Lattner, Thomas J.
Layton, James A.
Maloy, Ed. N.
Mitchell, Charles E.
Mann, John B.

Moran, Theodore P.
Miller, Lawrence M.
McMullin, Samuel G.
McCune, Addison J.
Nelson, James H.
Oliver, Joseph D.
Price, Charles C.
Pierce, Frank H.
Quinn, Daniel.

Reeder, John D.
Roberts, David.
Robertl, James F.
Snyder, Benjamin J.
Snook, Thomas J.
Stapleton, John.
Sampliner, Albert R.
Sisson, Thomas E.
Williams, Charles R.

MONTROSE CHAPTER No. 25.

MONTROSE, MONTROSE COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Tuesdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Chas. Hirt, H. P.
J. F. Krebs, K.
J. M. Reynolds, C. H.
S. S. Sherman, P. S.
Geo. H. Smith, R. A. C.
Abe Roberts, M. 3d V.

G. E. Anderson, M. 2d V.
James W. Page, M. 1st V.
John Sharp, Treas.
J. H. Hafer, Sec'y.
W. A. Thomas, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Arterbery, G. W.
Akard, C. B.
Bestor, E. D.
Bell, J. C.
Butler, A. C.
Bonney, A. L.
Blake, R. H.
Boot, Wm.
Brown, A. D.
Crotser, W. H.

Clark, N. G.
Diehl, R. C.
Ealer, J. W.
Farner, Fred G.
Geer, T. B.
Gillett, Edward.
Hottel, I. W.
Johnson, A.
Kelso, R. S.

Kyle, Jas. F.
McClure, J. E.
McGranahan, T. H.
Nutt, Thomas.
Phillips, J. Ralph, Jr.
Smith, C. B.
Scott, R. C.
Tripler, J. W.
Wise, H. D.

AKRON CHAPTER No. 26.

AKRON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Convocations Second Wednesday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

I. N. McCue, H. P.
David Shonard, K.
William Little, S.
John F. Dole, C. H.
Geo. W. Ball, P. S.
August Muntzing, R. A. C.

Wm. C. Schenck, M. 3d V.
James N. Counter, M. 2d V.
Creed F. Middlecoff, Treas.
John B. Fisher, Sec'y.
Adam J. Johnson, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Bender, Joseph J.
Bales, Ellsha J.
Bent, Geo. B.
Cook, Maynard E.
Colvin, Wm. B.

Combs, Thos.
Deck, Darius J.
Donahue, Wm. F.
Geiszel, John H.
McKay, Sam'l F.

Petteys, Walter.
Pendleton, Granville.
Rawalt, Benj. F.
Stephenson, Louis C.
Skelton, Wm. T.

WALSENBURG CHAPTER No. 27.

WALSENBURG, HUERFANO COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Saturdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Fred Unfug, H. P.
 Alexander Levy, K.
 Fred O. Roof, S.
 James R. Killian, C. H.
 John B. Johnson, P. S.
 Chas. L. Martin, R. A. C.

Fred L. Ramsay, M. 3d V.
 P. D. Learnard, M. 2d V.
 C. M. McGuire, M. 1st V.
 John P. Kearns, Treas.
 H. Blackhahn, Sec'y.
 Isaac Dalley, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Brodie, Hugh H.
 Cooper, C. M.
 Dalgre, Henry.
 Elmire, George.
 Forhan, Thomas J.
 Gaston, Joseph.

Harron, Alex.
 Hamilton, Joseph.
 Hays, R. A.
 Kincaid, Joseph K.
 McEniry, Thos. J.
 Otsen, John.

Rourke, J. M.
 Sawdey, Edgar.
 Springer, W. A.
 Sproull, Thos.
 Todd, Sam'l.
 Unfug, Chas. O.

TELLURIDE CHAPTER No. 28.

TELLURIDE, SAN MIGUEL COUNTY.

Convocations First and Third Wednesdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Ira E. Brown, H. P.
 Charles P. Coslett, K.
 Charles F. Painter, S.
 James L. Brown, C. H.
 Gustaf Brickson, P. S.
 Oris C. Thomas, R. A. C.

Wm. T. March, M. 3d V.
 C. F. Hilgenhaus, M. 2d V.
 Stephen R. Fitzgarrald, M. 1st V.
 George H. Phillips, Treas.
 John L. Haines, Sec'y.
 Alexander M. Ballard, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Arthur W.
 Adams, Jefferson D.
 Atchison, Edward R.
 Brown, James W.
 Brown, Edwin Boyd.
 Brandes, Otto.
 Carson, Robert J.
 Carr, Joseph E.
 Dels, Edward J.

Denison, Loran G.
 Davis, Omar N.
 Fisher, George L.
 Farnham, William A.
 Gutshall, S. P.
 Gordon, Winford H.
 Gabbert, William H.
 Gage, Jo. R.
 Hall, Harry C.

Hogg, Herschel M.
 Hockley, Edgar A.
 Johnstone, James.
 King, Alfred C.
 Lavender, Edgar N.
 Lomax, Louis C.
 McKie, John W.
 Smith, William C.
 Van Atta, William B.

COLORADO CHAPTER No. 29.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Wednesdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Frank L. Bishop, H. P.
Joseph C. Dresser, K.
Verne A. Lewis, S.
Hubert L. Shattuck, C. H.
Robert W. Bonyng, P. S.
Chas. S. Card, R. A. C.

Arthur F. Harlow, M. 3d V.
Wm. H. Postlewalte, M. 2d V.
Charles F. Miller, M. 1st V.
Deane Monahan, Treas.
Clay M. Van, Sec'y.
*Thomas Linton, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Allen, John D.
Arnold, Edward F.
Adamson, Oram E.
Beless, Frank W.
Blood, James H.
Bohm, Henry.
Bristol, Harlan P.
Bartels, Gustave C.
Burchinell, Wm. K.
Burlingame, E. E.
Brooks, Geo. W.
Burr, Edward N.
Bailey, Fred J.
Brownell, Al. W.
Bissell, Julius B.
Carrow, Paul H.
Clinton, Chas. M.
Cooper, Cy. E.
Cowell, David A.
Cutshaw, Leonard.
Carson, J. Harry.
Chamberlin, Nathan A.
Calhoun, Wm. C.
Critchell, Chas. R.
Campbell, James M.
Dobbins, Sam S.
Darby, Sam E.
De Huy, Bernard H.
Dalton, Melvin P.
Delsher, Winfield S.
Evans, James P.
Eagleton, Wm. H.
Eaton, Cyrus B.
Elchelberger, Chas. E.
Poster, Ernest Le Neve.
Fell, Geo. E.
Fullerton, Wm.
Ferguson, Wm. S.
Gilbert, Lloyd S.
Gilbert, Elias.
Goldsworthy, Richard.
Goudy, Frank C.
Graham, James A. F.

Graham, Frank C.
Green, John K.
Gallaher, Thomas J.
Hagar, Cad E.
Hall, Frank.
Hannum, Henry W.
Hart, Geo. W.
Highlands, Edward F.
Hunter, John B.
Hamilton, Wm. W.
Hamilton, Geo. T.
Hurd, James W.
Hunt, Frederick A.
Jacobson, Chas. H.
James, Benj. L.
Johnson, James J.
Jones, Wm. F.
Kennedy, Silas S.
Kramer, Geo. W.
Kelley, Isaac P.
Lee, Henry N.
Lee, David K.
Lemen, Lewis E.
Lehman, Edward.
Leyner, J. Geo.
Larlmer, W. F.
Lewis, Wm. B.
Manning, Cassius R.
Murphy, Daniel M.
Mayo, Dudley D.
Mulvihill, Frank E.
Mason, Wm. L.
McGaffey, Albert B.
McSheeshey, Chris. E.
McClellan, Tom E.
McDowell, Wm. F.
Nicholl, Wm. J.
Nesmith, John W.
Nocklin, Edward.
Oakes, Fred W.
Orahood, Harper M.
Parmelee, Ed. C.
Patten, Wm. D.

Perchard, James.
Phillips, John T.
Perry, John W.
Rogers, James H.
Richards, Jesse.
Robinson, Wm. F.
Root, Geo. H.
Root, Wm. S.
Rhoads, Halsey M.
Rowntree, John T.
Redmond, Chas. H.
Satterfield, Erastus F.
Schmidlap, Cale D.
Siles, Geo. L.
Sleeper, John W.
Smith, Frank.
Smylie, Frank W.
Sykes, Fred W.
Scott, Clinton H.
Soetje, Ed. C.
Stevenson, Geo.
Shepherd, Wm. B.
Shuford, Jefferson D.
Sagendorf, Andrew.
Salter, Walter D.
Thomas, Theo. H.
Thompson, Robert D.
Vallery, Geo. W.
Van Culin, Trabue.
Vick Roy, Alonzo F.
Van Meter, Seymour D.
Walsen, Fred.
Willard, James P.
Williams, Wm. M.
Willson, Fred J.
Wise, Chas. E.
Working, John C.
Worth, Thos. N.
Watson, Arthur C.
Willson, Carson B.
Young, Frank.
Zletler, Chas.

*Not a member.

IDAHO SPRINGS CHAPTER No. 30.

IDAHO SPRINGS, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

Convocations Second Wednesday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Andrew Dingwall, H. P.	Charles L. Plummer, M. 3d V.
Warren A. Haggott, K.	Hunter Williams, M. 2d V.
John Chapman, S.	Charles Hocking, M. 1st V.
George E. Armstrong, C. H.	John J. Sherwin, Treas.
John H. Moreland, P. S.	Frederick A. Moss, Sec'y.
Richard P. Chinn, R. A. C.	Oscar Belmore, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Atcheson, George.	Jackson, John M.	Roberts, Harry L.
Bush, Wm. L.	McClelland, George E.	Steeves, Charles P.
Bullis, Arthur D.	Morgan, Wm.	Thorsen, Peder L.
Borell, Chas. F.	Moscript, Edward M.	Vivian, George G.
Comstock, Albert R.	Noxon, Victor I.	Weeks, James G.
Chester, Jos. E.	Roberts, Lewis L.	Weinberger Nathan.
Freestone, Albert H.	Redding, James A.	Wilson, Harry N.
Hiser, Lee.		

FORT MORGAN CHAPTER No. 31.

FORT MORGAN, MORGAN COUNTY.

Convocations Second and Fourth Fridays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

George W. Robinson, H. P.	Wm. S. Simpson, M. 3d V.
Robert M. Handy, K.	Francis M. Simpson, M. 2d V.
James T. Devin, S.	Demster H. Dalley, M. 1st V.
George S. Redfield, C. H.	Howard M. Putnam, Treas.
Tyler D. Heiskell, P. S.	James H. Jones, Sec'y.
Wm. H. Clatworthy, R. A. C.	Chauncey W. Scoville, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, Frank H.	Kinkel, Charles W.	Twombly, Hurd W.
Carlson, Charles J.	Knead, William.	Warner, George W.
Curry, James P.	Lamborn, Nathan.	Williams, Edward E.
Dersham, George W.	More, M. L.	Williams, Joseph W.
Gill, Mark B.	Simpson, Frank L.	Wilkins, Oliver W.

ORIENT CHAPTER No. 32.

LAMAR, PROWERS COUNTY.

Convocations First and Third Wednesdays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Frank J. Holmes, H. P.	F. S. Hover, M. 2d V.
A. N. Parrish, K.	J. A. McDowell, M. 1st V.
C. B. Thoman, S.	W. C. Gould, Treas.
James Durkie, P. S.	L. Wirt Markham, Sec'y.
W. J. Johnston, R. A. C.	W. S. Coates, Sent.
C. C. Huddleston, M. 3d V.	

MEMBERS.

Goodale, M. S.	Cade, W. E.	Baldwin, Lee.
Keesee, Dan.	Bent, A. E.	Goodale, C. C.
Pettee, H. A.	Bent, J. W.	Hutchins, L. J.
Tague, F. M.	Brown, B. B.	Morehouse, W. L.
Tate, F. M.	McPherson, C. L.	Strain, M.
Underwood, M. J.	Baldwin, Jas. C.	Russell, Wm. G.
Barton, A. D.		

CRIPPLE CREEK CHAPTER No. 33.

CRIPPLE CREEK, TELLER COUNTY.

Convocations First and Third Mondays in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

Mathew C. Barker, H. P.	John R. Williams, M. 3d V.
Geo. E. Simonton, K.	James H. Boyd, M. 2d V.
Gilbert W. Jones, S.	Wm. Brown Pullin, M. 1st V.
Samuel C. Stover, C. H.	Victor G. Hills, Treas.
John E. Veak, P. S.	Richard Burke, Sec'y.
Charles Ridpath, R. A. C.	David A. Weaver, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, Leonard A.	Finn, Maurice J.	Rinker, John E.
Baney, Ole Beecher.	George, Lee.	Reed, Robert W.
Barry, John S.	Grant, Charles E.	Scofield, Rodger W.
Baker, Ulylus R.	Gunner, Olaf N.	Sergeant, Ellis.
Blinner, John L.	Harding, John F.	Seeds, William Porter.
Blizard, Ira.	Hamilton, Frank C.	Shaffer, Edward L.
Burns, Thomas F.	Jaquith, Alfred C.	Shepherd, Henry L.
Burrows, Richard H.	Milliken, William B.	Shortridge, John.
Brown, Fred S.	Moore, Willis G.	Smith, Tom A.
Carman, John S.	Morris, Walter M.	Smith, James F.
Campbell, Alexander J.	Montgomery, Willis S.	Stevens, Edwin A.
Chamberlain, Bayard.	McCoy, Jacob C.	Stephenson, Percy.
Cohn, Morris.	McDonald, Samuel.	Trevarrow, William.
Cohn, Louis L.	McClelland, Wm. Black.	Trevarrow, Edwin J.
Clark, William S.	Niles, A. P.	Walsh, Harry H.
Culton, John J.	Olds, Charles D.	Whiting John A.
Davis, Aaron J.	Olwell, Joseph T.	Baughman, Charles E.
Doyle, James A.	Parker, James M.	Edwards, John.
Field, Michael B.		

In Memory
OF
THE FORTY COMPANIONS
OF OUR OWN JURISDICTION
WHO HAVE
PASSED WITHIN THE VAILS.

We cherish their memory.

1899.

In Memory

OF

OUR BELOVED COMPANIONS

OF

OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

They rest from their labors.

1899.

In Memory

OF

OREN HARRISON HENRY,

GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1877.

BORN OCTOBER 14, 1842,

WATERFORD, VERMONT.

DIED OCTOBER 4, 1893,

DENVER, COLORADO.

In Memory

OF

HORACE NICHOLS BANKS,

GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1884.

BORN IN CONNECTICUT.

DIED JUNE 29, 1899,

AGED FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Deceased.

NAME	CHAPTER	DATE
Ratliff, John W.....	1	March 13, 1899
Tucker, W. Anthony.....	1	August 1, 1899
Harris, Arthur C.....	2	September 8, 1898
Wickes, Charles P.....	2	October 27, 1898
Joslin, Jervis.....	2	January 12, 1899
Kelly, Jay G.....	2	July 3, 1899
Clayton, George W.....	2	August 15, 1899
Adams, W. G.....	3	January 4, 1899
Stewart, John S.....	3	March 25, 1899
Hardy, Samuel.....	4	October 18, 1898
Lord, Russell F.....	4	July .. 1899
Shires, Thomas.....	7	October 18, 1898
Henry, Oren H.....	7	October 4, 1898
Davis, Charles.....	7	March 29, 1899
Carr, B. L.....	8	April 21, 1899
Cain, William J.....	10	November 2, 1898
Love, E.....	11	May 13, 1899
Garbutt, E. N.....	11	October 25, 1898
Wills, J. R.....	11	November 13, 1898
Pochon, Joseph J.....	12	March 1, 1899
Banks, Horace N.....	12	June 29, 1899
Childs, Francis L.....	13	September 27, 1898
Dart, John C.....	13	July 11, 1899
Arthur, James S.....	13	August, 4, 1899
Milliken, Robert.....	14	October 1, 1898
Rathbun, S. A.....	14	October 29, 1898
Smith, C. J.....	14	February 13, 1899
Martin, Wm.....	15	June 8, 1899
Wilson, Benj. M.....	16	May 21, 1899
Jones, Eugene B.....	17	August 5, 1899
Fields, James A.....	20	June 26, 1899
Monroe, Marcellus.....	23	January 24, 1899
Krusen, Norman J.....	24	September 21, 1898
Owens, J. W.....	25	June 12, 1899
Lauther, Thomas.....	27	July 8, 1899
Murphy, A. Patrick.....	28	January 27, 1899
Lee, Edmund B.....	29	January 6, 1899
Wyman, George E.....	29	March 6, 1899
Hottel, A. J.....	32	August 10, 1899
Frazier, Samuel D.....	33	October 23, 1898

REINSTATED.

NAME	Chapter	DATE
Shaugnessy, James.....	9	November 10, 1898
Smith, Joseph H.....	9	November 10, 1898
Burton, Alfred G.....	9	December 8, 1898
Priess, Charles.....	9	December 8, 1898
Timmerman, John L.....	9	March 23, 1899
Benjamin, John E.....	5	April 3, 1899
Boyer, Samuel L.....	6	November 22, 1898
Stock, F. E.....	7	April 18, 1899
Clark, S. E.....	11	September 23, 1898
Millner, Geo. T.....	19	May 3, 1899

DIMITTED.

NAME	Chapter	DATE
Nelson, Hans P.....	1	March 13, 1899
Weber, Louis.....	2	October 27, 1898
Piper, William B.....	2	November 10, 1898
Priess, Charles.....	2	January 12, 1899
Guyer, Clarkson N.....	2	March 9, 1899
Kohlman, Louis N.....	2	March 23, 1899
Timmerman, John L.....	2	June 8, 1899
Mills, Wm. F. R.....	2	July 27, 1899
Davis, Wm. C.....	2	August 24, 1899
Graut, A. A.....	3	January 17, 1899
Organ, Walter.....	3	February 21, 1899
Eagleton, J. S.....	5	October 30, 1898
Fristoe, M. G.....	5	September 13, 1898
Barker, C. W.....	6	December 27, 1898
Zobrist, C. L.....	6	January 24, 1899
Stock, F. E.....	7	May 2, 1899
Secor, F. P.....	8	December 10, 1898
Beaudry, Fred B.....	10	March 6, 1899
Kracaw, Chas. E.....	11	June 9, 1899
Stover, Geo. H.....	13	March 6, 1899
Bogart, E. S.....	13	April 21, 1899
Lewis, Thos. A.....	13	July 3, 1899
Tindall, W. F.....	14	January 10, 1899
Fattee, D. C.....	14	March 14, 1899
Morton, A. W.....	15	November 11, 1898
Steele, Frank D.....	16	January 20, 1899
Cox, J. Emitt.....	18	December 27, 1898
Graham, Wm.....	18	December 27, 1898
Mattoes, Jos. S.....	18	January 14, 1899
Dye, B. U.....	20	November 1, 1898
Sampliner, A. R.....	21	February 8, 1899
Hatfield Chas.....	21	March 8, 1899
Davis, A. B. C.....	21	July 12, 1899
Roberts, L. H.....	23	June 22, 1899
Pollock, Alex.....	23	December 22, 1898
Calley, W. D.....	23	January 12, 1899
Roberts, J. H.....	23	June 22, 1899
Young, Andrew J.....	26	August 9, 1899
Gillett, Cameron A.....	26	August 9, 1899
Sleicher, James M.....	27	April 22, 1899
Schultz, Henry.....	27	April 22, 1899
Atwood, Geo. N.....	29	December 14, 1898
Hill, Frank B.....	29	December 14, 1898
Jones, Wm. A.....	29	October 12, 1898
Daniel, Geo. W.....	29	April 1, 1899
Barber, William.....	33	April 17, 1899

SUSPENDED.

NAME	Chapter	DATE
Beach, Elam C.	1	July 10, 1899
Barhight, Alonzo J.	1	July 10, 1899
Becker, Clayton F.	1	July 10, 1899
Bonesteel, Arthur E.	1	July 10, 1899
Smith, George E.	2	July 1, 1899
Armstrong, John K.	2	July 27, 1899
Beggs, William A.	2	July 27, 1899
Carpenter, Horace R.	2	July 27, 1899
Farrington, William R.	2	July 27, 1899
Ford, Chas. M.	2	July 27, 1899
Fredrum, John	2	July 27, 1899
House, Bruce F.	2	July 27, 1899
Kellogg, Chas. M.	2	July 27, 1899
Lonsdale, Alf. G.	2	July 27, 1899
May, Wm. T. S.	2	July 27, 1899
Pochin, Joseph L.	2	July 27, 1899
Beckart, Wm. E.	2	July 27, 1899
Sykes, Charles	2	July 27, 1899
Thorp, Rollin	2	July 27, 1899
Marean, Willis A.	2	August 16, 1899
Morran James.	2	August 26, 1899
Marhall, Chas. W.	3	November 15, 1898
Hagarty, C. C.	6	March 14, 1899
Jones, B. H.	6	March 14, 1899
Spradling, Emory	6	March 14, 1899
Woods, E. L.	6	March 14, 1899
Beach, W. P.	6	August 22, 1899
Gerhart, Paul	6	August 22, 1899
Burns, Thos.	8	August 12, 1899
Griffith, R. G.	8	August 12, 1899
Wilson, H. E.	8	August 12, 1899
Bristol, J. H.	11	January 13, 1899
Plummer, Zur C.	11	August 19, 1896
Shoptough, C. A.	18	January 1, 1899
May, Clarence	21	June 14, 1899
Nichols, C. M.	21	June 14, 1899
Smith, V. Y.	21	June 14, 1899
Kinkaid, John	21	June 14, 1899
Wilterding, H. J.	21	June 14, 1899
Craine, W. H.	25	August 8, 1899
Hammond, H.	25	August 8, 1899
Wishart, A.	25	August 8, 1899
King, A. R.	25	March 14, 1899
Chapman, F. A.	25	December 13, 1898
Killian, J. B.	25	December 13, 1898

TABULAR STATEMENT

OF WORK OF CHAPTERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1899.

CHAPTER	Number	Postoffice	Advanced	Inducted	Received	Exalted	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Members 1898	Members 1899	High Priest	SECRETARY
Central City.....	1	Central City.....	9	9	9	0	...	...	...	1	4	71	73	Abraham Ashbaugh.	Samuel I. Lorch
Denver.....	2	Denver.....	16	16	10	18	6	5	...	5	17	537	531	Frederick L. Fiske.	James C. Johnston
Pueblo.....	3	Pueblo.....	5	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	1	63	63	George J. Dunbaugh.	Will D. Grienard
Georgetown.....	4	Georgetown.....	5	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	29	28	Thomas Bennett.	John H. Bennett
Golden.....	5	Golden.....	6	7	7	6	7	1	...	...	6	151	152	Robert Farringer.	Geo. K. Kimball
Colorado Springs.	6	Colorado Springs.	6	7	7	3	1	1	...	...	...	104	104	George D. Kennedy.	Eugene S. Cohen
Boulder.....	7	Boulder.....	6	6	6	6	1	1	...	...	1	104	104	J. E. Hubbard.	H. E. Washburn
Longmont.....	8	Longmont.....	6	6	6	6	1	1	...	...	1	68	73	John A. Buckley.	E. J. Coffman
*Lake City.....	9	Lake City.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	W. A. Shadbolt.	Henry H. Pendery
Leadville.....	10	Leadville.....	3	3	2	3	1	1	...	...	1	100	102	W. A. Shadbolt.	Henry H. Pendery
Cache La Poudre.	11	Fort Collins.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	73	68	W. A. Shadbolt.	C. R. Secord
South Pueblo.	12	Pueblo.....	1	4	6	0	3	1	...	...	2	43	40	William Young.	H. M. Shoup
Greeley.....	13	Greeley.....	8	9	0	0	2	...	...	...	3	50	55	Sharon Atkinson.	Jos. A. Wombury
Canon City.....	14	Canon City.....	3	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	137	138	H. M. Young.	J. M. Bradbury	
San Juan.....	15	Durango.....	3	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	67	67	O. W. Wingate.	W. J. Patterson	
Gunnison.....	16	Gunnison.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	48	46	O. W. Wingate.	W. S. Rainbow
Salida.....	17	Salida.....	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	51	50	J. E. McCoy.	Geo. W. McGovern
San Luis Valley.	18	Alamosa.....	4	6	6	0	1	...	...	...	1	53	54	Geo. A. Willis.	Wm. H. H. Hirt
Keystone.....	19	Aspen.....	3	3	0	0	3	1	...	...	1	53	60	C. W. Stringfield.	W. Porter Nelson
La Junta.....	20	La Junta.....	1	4	0	0	3	...	...	...	1	48	53	Wm. V. Ashley.	Robert A. Steen
Kilwinning.....	21	Gunnison.....	3	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	5	73	71	Wm. V. Ashley.	Chas. A. Stricker
Glenwood.....	22	Glenwood Springs.	4	4	6	0	3	...	...	...	1	54	54	James W. Ross.	Marshall H. Dean
Trinidad.....	23	Trinidad.....	12	13	13	13	1	...	...	...	...	64	64	Wm. B. Brown.	John Humphreys
Grand Junction.	24	Grand Junction.	2	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	4	51	57	Wm. B. Brown.	Wm. Carlyle
Montrose.....	25	Montrose.....	3	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	6	41	30	Chas. H. Hirt.	Jacob H. Hafer
Akron.....	26	Akron.....	4	3	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	28	30	Isaac N. McCue.	John B. Fisher
Walsenburg.....	27	Walsenburg.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	80	Isaac N. McCue.	Henry Blackhall
Telluride.....	28	Telluride.....	2	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	87	80	Isaac N. McCue.	John L. Haines
Colorado.....	29	Colorado.....	6	6	6	6	5	...	...	...	...	123	130	Frank L. Bishop.	Frederick A. Moss
Idaho Springs.....	30	Idaho Springs.....	6	6	6	6	3	...	...	...	...	23	34	Geo. W. Robinson.	James H. Jones
Fort Morgan.....	31	Fort Morgan.....	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	21	27	Frank J. Holmes.	L. Wirt Markham
Orient.....	32	Orient.....	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	23	30	Matthew C. Barker.	Richard Burko
Cripple Creek.....	33	Cripple Creek.....	13	12	12	12	2	...	...	...	1	55	61	Matthew C. Barker.	Richard Burko

* Charter recalled.

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

RECAPITULATION.

Number chartered previous to this session.....	33
Number at work	32
Number making returns.....	32
Number represented.....	31
Total number chartered	33
Advanced	146
Inducted	145
Received and acknowledged	134
Exalted	138
Admitted.....	48
Reinstated	10
Died	40
Dimitted.....	46
Suspended	45
Loss in No. 9.....	15
Membership 1893	2521
Present membership.....	2574
Net gain	50

GRAND OFFICERS
ELECTED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, MAY 11, A. I. 2403.

DATE	G. H. PRIEST	D. G. H. PRIEST	G. KING	G. SCRIBE	G. TREASURER	G. SECRETARY	G. C. H.
1873	William N. Byers	Irving W. Stanton	† Benj. W. Wischart	† Francis E. Everett	† Rich. C. Lake	Ed. C. Parmelee	† G. Q. Richmond
1875	William N. Byers	Irving W. Stanton	† Benj. W. Wischart	† Francis E. Everett	† Rich. C. Lake	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Edw. H. Collins
1876	Irving W. Stanton	John H. Henry	† Edw. H. Collins	† Andr. W. Sargent	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Jos. A. Gerson
1877	† John H. Henry	Edw. H. Collins	† Andr. W. Sargent	† Andr. W. Sargent	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† John R. Hambel
1878	Edw. H. Collins	Andrew Sargent	† John R. Hambel	† John S. Thcomb	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Wm. W. Wadley
1879	† John R. Hambel	John S. Thcomb	† Andr. W. Sargent	† John S. Thcomb	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Benj. T. Wadley
1880	John S. Thcomb	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Wm. M. Kimball
1881	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1882	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1883	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1884	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1885	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1886	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1887	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1888	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1889	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1890	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1891	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1892	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1893	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1894	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1895	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1896	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1897	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1898	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney
1899	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	† Roger W. Woodbury	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee	† Geo. L. Courtney

* Dimited. † Dead. ‡ Suspended.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

TO	DATE OF COMMISSION	GRAND CHAPTER	FROM	DATE OF COMMISSION
John B. Christian, Uniontown	February 18, 1893	Alabama	Tyler D. Heiskell, Fort Morgan	February 15, 1893
Joseph B. Cramer, Phoenix	November 9, 1893	Arizona	Wm. D. Todd, Denver	May 30, 1893
Samuel W. Williams, Little Rock	May 23, 1891	Arkansas	James H. Paulbody, Canon City	January 18, 1893
Wm. Aaron Petrie, Sacramento	April 13, 1878	California	Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo	March 20, 1878
Arthur McFarlin, Belleville	February 8, 1897	Canada	Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver	October 20, 1884
Abraham L. Barnes, New Haven	May 18, 1891	Connecticut	Cayton E. Olin, Pueblo	July 28, 1890
Benjamin F. Hartman, Wilmington	July 25, 1892	Delaware	E. L. Foster, Denver	August 1, 1892
John M. Vantage, Washington	July 5, 1893	District of Columbia	Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo	October 30, 1876
John R. Whitwell, Ireland	December 21, 1893	Florida	George W. Roe, Pueblo	January 18, 1893
William R. Daniel, Tucson	April 30, 1893	Georgia	Samuel H. Thompson, Durango	May 19, 1893
Harrell C. Clarke, Kankakee	November 27, 1875	Illinois	George J. Dunbaugh, Pueblo	January 22, 1893
Daniel McDonald, Plymouth	February 8, 1884	Indiana	John Mills Maxwell, Leadville	July 24, 1893
Henry Rucker, Perry, Ok. T.	May 29, 1893	Indian Territory	Thomas Nicholl, Denver	January 1, 1892
Henry S. Winslow, Newton	April 21, 1890	Iowa	Cromwell Tucker, Denver	November 26, 1897
Peter F. Ewing, Leavenworth	March 12, 1896	Kansas	John Humphreys, Trinidad	January 17, 1893
James W. Egan, Kansasville	January 13, 1896	Kentucky	Charles F. Palmer, Telluride	April 16, 1893
George J. Plunkard, New Orleans	October 14, 1891	Louisiana	Henry F. West, Greeley	July 12, 1893
Charles J. Callahan, Bangor	February 7, 1890	Maine	W. F. H. Wynwell, Denver	December 20, 1897
John F. V. Deane, Pittsfield	April 27, 1890	Massachusetts	William F. Bridwell, Canon City	November 6, 1893
Fred A. Noble, Northfield	August 27, 1890	Minnesota	Joseph V. Myers, Denver	April 5, 1893
Austin D. Bailey, Waterford	April 30, 1892	Mississippi	Marshall W. Dean, Glenwood Springs	March 10, 1890
Ira V. McMillan, Maitryville	December 24, 1890	Missouri	William T. Roller, Salida	February 16, 1893
Francis E. White, Plymouth	March 3, 1890	Nebraska	Charles O. Hartman, Denver	May 16, 1893
Jason E. Burdick, Eureka	January 23, 1891	Nevada	Charles O. Hartman, Leadville	January 12, 1893
Alfred E. Street, Fredrickton	November 23, 1893	New Brunswick	Alphonso A. Burnand, Leadville	January 12, 1893
William W. Oliver, Lisbon	January 20, 1893	New Hampshire	Valerius Salter, Denver	September 22, 1876
Charles Bechtel, Tallon	March 15, 1876	New Jersey	Edward H. Collins, Denver	July 12, 1893
John Henry Harris, Sydney	May 27, 1890	New South Wales	Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo	July 15, 1876
Arthur MacArthur, New York	October 27, 1890	New York	Charles H. Jacobson, Denver	April 30, 1892
Thomas A. Green, Newburn	April 12, 1892	North Carolina	William A. Jacob, Denver	March 18, 1893
Franklin S. Purkin, Halifax	March 28, 1892	North Dakota	Jacob A. J. Bieper, Denver	March 18, 1893
Thomas Trevelyan, Springfield	February 9, 1897	Nova Scotia	Andrew Armstrong, Fort Collins	January 24, 1893
Edward Hartford, Springfield	August 26, 1891	Ohio	Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver	August 1, 1890
Ebenezer B. McElroy, Eugene	April 11, 1897	Oregon		

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

TO	DATE OF COMMISSION	GRAND CHAPTER	FROM	DATE OF COMMISSION
Samuel W. Latta, Philadelphia.....	April 27, 1893	Pennsylvania.....	Harper M. Oranhood, Denver.....	January 15, 1898
D. Darby, Waterloo.....	May 25, 1892	Quebec.....	Sharon Atkinson, Greeley.....	May 13, 1898
Arthur H. Armington, Providence.....	August 28, 1899	Rhode Island.....	George T. Cooper, Amethyst.....	May 18, 1897
Benjamin Burr, Binford.....	December 13, 1893	South Carolina.....	Wm. L. Iush, Idaho Springs.....	October 29, 1891
G. C. Griffin, Clark.....	March 21, 1894	South Dakota.....	John J. Sherwin, Idaho Springs.....	March 29, 1899
Jas. D. Richardson, Minnifreesboro.....	March 8, 1890	Tennessee.....	Cornelius J. Hart, Pueblo.....	March 14, 1899
J. J. Cannon, Moscow.....	May 1, 1876	Texas.....	Calvin E. Reed, Denver.....	July 8, 1890
W. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.....	September 10, 1899	Virginia.....	Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver.....	November 14, 1897
A. J. Gillespie, Shenandoah.....	April 29, 1892	West Virginia.....	George K. Kimball, Golden.....	March 6, 1890
Magnus A. Snodgrass, Martinsburg.....	August 17, 1893	Wisconsin.....	Jethro C. Sanford, Durango.....	September 10, 1891
Frank C. Jackson, West Superior.....				

DIRECTORY.

GRAND CHAPTER	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND SECRETARY	CORRESPONDENT
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Arkansas.....	J. S. Kennerly, Sulphur Rock.....	John C. Bone, Little Rock.....	R. J. Laughlin, Bentonville.....
California.....	Florin L. Jones, San Francisco.....	Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco.....	Grand Secretary.....
Canada.....	W. G. Reid, Hamilton.....	Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto.....	Grand Secretary.....
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Connecticut.....	Wesley U. Pearne, Middletown.....	James McCormick, Hartford.....	John H. Harlow, Shelton.....
Delaware.....	Harry Galbraith, Wilmington.....	James H. Price, Wilmington.....	V. V. Harrison, Wilmington.....
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Florida.....	James Carnell, Ormond.....	Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.....	Grand Secretary.....
Georgia.....	Henry C. Burr, Griffin.....	Wm. A. Wolthin, Macon.....	W. S. Ramsey, Dublin.....
Illinois.....	Nathaniel Bowditch, Aurora.....	Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago.....	John M. Pearson, Godfrey.....
Indiana.....	Manuel M. Fisher, Mishawaka.....	Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis.....	Thomas B. Long, Terre Haute.....
Indian Territory.....	Geo. W. Spencer, Oklahoma City, Ok.....	Joseph S. Morrow, Atoka.....	Grand Secretary.....
Iowa.....	B. F. Parker, Dubuque.....	Alf. Wingate, Des Moines.....	T. R. Ercanbrack, Anamosa.....
Kansas.....	Alexander H. Sharp, Larned.....	Jacob De Witt, Salina.....	Grand Secretary.....
Kentucky.....	J. Speed Smith, Richmond.....	Henry B. Grant, Louisville.....	James W. Staton, Brooksville.....
Louisiana.....	Geo. W. Bolton, Pineville.....	Richard Lambart, New Orleans.....	Hermon C. Duncan, Alexandria.....
Maine.....	W. S. Hinkleley, Lisbon.....	Stephen Barry, Portland.....	Joseph H. Drummond, Portland.....
Maryland.....	Warren B. Ellis, Boston.....	George L. McCahan, Baltimore.....	Edward T. Schultz, Baltimore.....
Massachusetts.....	Frank N. Clark, Northville.....	J. Gilman Waite, Boston.....	Grand Secretary.....
Michigan.....	Joshua A. Peck, Wabasha.....	Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater.....	Grand Secretary.....
Minnesota.....	John A. H. Jones, Magnolia.....	Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.....	Phineas M. Savery, Tupelo.....
Mississippi.....	Henry L. Rosworth, Springfield.....	J. L. Power, Jackson.....	Grand Secretary.....
Missouri.....	Alfred Balmforth, Hute.....	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.....	Grand Secretary.....
Montana.....	John J. Morzer, Omaha.....	Cornelius Heddes, Helena.....	Grand Secretary.....
Nebraska.....	A. O. Percy, Gold Hill.....	Francis E. White, Omaha.....	Grand Secretary.....
Nevada.....	John A. Watson, St. John.....	Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City.....	A. D. Bird, Reno.....
New Brunswick.....	Charles H. Webster, Neshana.....	Wm. B. Wallace, St. John.....	Albert S. Wait, Newport.....
New Hampshire.....	Levi G. Bliss, Long Branch.....	George B. Cleaves, Concord.....	Grand Secretary.....
New Jersey.....	W. H. Seaman, Socorro.....	George B. Edwards, Jersey City.....	Grand Secretary.....
New Mexico.....	Alfred Rofe, Sydney.....	A. A. Keene, Albuquerque.....	Grand Secretary.....
New South Wales.....	John W. Palmer, Brooklyn.....	A. J. Barthidge, Sydney.....	Grand Secretary.....
New York.....		Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo.....	George J. Gardner, Syracuse.....

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GRAND CHAPTER	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND SECRETARY	CORRESPONDENT
North Carolina	Wm F. Randolph, Asheville.....	Honore R. Munson, Wilmington	James Southgate, Durham
North Dakota	Geo. L. McGregor, Fort Totten.....	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo	
Nova Scotia	George M. Douth, Annapolis.....	D. L. Campbell, Halifax	
Ohio	O. Sperry, Ravenna.....	Edwin Hugenbuch, Urbana	S. Stackor Williams, Newark
Oregon	W. F. Wright, Union.....	James F. Robinson, Eugene	John M. Hodson, Portland
Pennsylvania	Michael W. Jacobs, Harrisburg.....	Charles Cary, Philadelphia	M. H. Henderson, Philadelphia
Rhode Island	A. H. Roy Fuller, Sweetserburg.....	Will. H. Whyte, Montreal	E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec
South Carolina	Frank T. Wilhite, Anderson.....	William R. Greene, Providence	Henry W. Rugg, Providence
South Dakota	Frank T. Wilhite, Anderson.....	Jacob T. Barron, Columbia	Grand Secretary
Tennessee	Geo. Miller, Brookings.....	George A. Pettigrew, Fladreau.....	Louis G. Levozy, Webster
Texas	F. C. Kidd, Houston.....	W. A. Cleadenning, Nashville.....	H. H. Ingersoll, Knoxville
Vermont	Chas. A. Calderwood, St. Johnsbury.....	George Lopas, Jr., Floresville.....	John L. Terrell, Terrell
Virginia	T. E. Schwartz, Lacey.....	Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington.....	Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor
Washington	D. L. Paramore, Snohomish.....	James B. Blanks, Petersburg.....	Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond
West Virginia	Wm. W. an Winkle, Parkersburg.....	Jamey C. Blalock, Walla Walla.....	Grand Secretary
Wisconsin	Wm. D. Carr, Oshkosh.....	Robert C. Dunnington, Fairmont.....	
United States	Rouben C. Lemmon, Toledo, O.....	John W. Ladlin, Milwaukee	William C. Swain, Milwaukee
		Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, N. Y.....	

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Grand High Priest shall take the chair every day during the sessions of the Grand Chapter promptly at the time to which the Grand Chapter shall have been called off.

2. During business, all members are required to remain in attendance and observe strict order and decorum, and no member shall leave the hall or absent himself from the service of the Grand Chapter without permission.

3. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice upon the same subject without special permission from the Grand Chapter. If any member is twice called to order at a Convocation and is guilty of a third offense of the same nature, he shall be subject to discipline and punishment in such manner as the Grand Chapter may decide.

4. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of every member present to vote, unless for good cause the Grand Chapter shall excuse him.

5. Every resolution shall be reduced to writing and signed by the mover.

6. All reports by committees shall be made in writing and signed by at least a majority of the members thereof.

7. No committee shall sit during the sessions of the Grand Chapter without special permission.

8. All questions, except amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be decided by a majority vote.

9. The Journal shall be read and approved before the final close of the Grand Annual Convocation.

CONSTITUTION.

TITLE.

1. This Grand Chapter shall be known and designated as the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Its jurisdiction shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State of Colorado, and shall be under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

2. The officers and members of this Grand Chapter, and their rank and title, shall be as follows:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest.
Right Excellent Grand King.
Right Excellent Grand Scribe.
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer.
Right Excellent Grand Secretary.
Excellent Grand Chaplain.
Excellent Grand Captain of the Host.
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner.
Excellent Grand R. A. Captain.
Three Grand Masters of the Veils.
Grand Sentinel.
Past Grand High Priests.
Past Deputy Grand High Priests.
Past Grand Kings.
Past Grand Scribes.

And High Priests, Kings and Scribes (for the time being) of the Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, or their duly constituted proxies.

3. The Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in Denver, on Thursday after the third Tuesday in September of each year. The hour of meeting shall be 10 o'clock a. m.

4. The representatives of at least three chartered Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter will be necessary to constitute a quorum, and the Grand Chapter shall not be opened until such number is present.

5. This Grand Chapter shall have the exclusive control and government of all the Royal Arch Chapters within the limits of the State of Colorado. It shall have the power to enact such laws and regulations as may be necessary for the government of the Craft, and to change the same when occasion may require. To establish and require a uniformity of work and lectures. To issue charters for new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons with the right to open and hold Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters; also to revoke, suspend or annul the same as the emergency of the case may require.

6. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, from among the Companions who are constitutionally eligible thereto. A majority of all votes cast will be necessary to elect. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Council.

7. No companion shall be eligible to election in the Grand Council who has not been elected, installed and presided over a regular Royal Arch Chapter.

8. All officers of the Grand Chapter, elected and appointed, shall be installed annually, and shall perform their respective duties until their successors in office are duly elected and installed. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

9. The Grand High Priest shall have and enjoy the rights and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution, usages and customs of the Craft.

10. He may convene the Grand Chapter in emergent Convocation at any time when occasion may require it.

11. He may convene any subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its work and proceedings, and require a strict conformity to the established customs and laws of the Craft.

12. For good cause, he may suspend the functions of any subordinate Chapter or officer thereof, until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

13. The granting or rejecting of all petitions for dispensations of any kind shall be solely within his province. He has the command of all other Grand Officers touching their official duties, and may claim their assistance at any time on matters pertaining to the Craft.

14. In case of his death or inability to act, the powers and duties of his station shall, for the time being, devolve upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe in the order herein named.

GRAND TREASURER.

15. The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Grand Chapter. It shall be his duty to attend all Convocations of the Grand Chapter. He shall report at each Annual Convocation (or when requested to do so by the Grand High Priest) the condition of the finances. He shall pay all warrants drawn on him ordered by the Grand Chapter and signed by the Grand Secretary, which warrants he shall cancel when paid. He shall keep all funds of the Grand Chapter in some secure bank, and in the name of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. With his Annual Report he shall present vouchers for all money paid out during the year, and for the balance on hand a certificate of deposit, or certified check covering the amount. He shall furnish bonds, with sufficient sureties, in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned on the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, the bond to be approved by the Grand High Priest, and remain in his keeping. He shall turn over to his successor in office all funds and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter.

GRAND SECRETARY.

16. The Grand Secretary shall attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and duly record its proceedings. He shall receive all funds belonging to the Grand Chapter from every source, pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall receive and preserve all returns from subordinate Chapters, and make report thereon at each Annual Convocation. He shall also preserve all petitions, applications and other

documents of importance; sign, certify to and seal all documents emanating from the Grand Chapter; conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, under the direction of the Grand High Priest. He shall report annually to the several Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter the names and addresses of the Grand Officers elected. At each Annual Convocation he shall make report of all money received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer; of failures on the part of subordinate Chapters in making returns and paying dues as required, and such other matters as may require the attention of the Grand Chapter. He shall, in due time, prior to the Annual Grand Convocation, furnish each subordinate Chapter with blank returns, and suitable instructions for preparing them correctly. He shall also forward to each Chapter under dispensation suitable blanks, with full instructions for making their returns and petitioning for charter. He shall furnish bond with sufficient security, in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned on the faithful performance of his duties; said bond to be approved and held by the Grand High Priest. He shall receive annually for his services the sum of eight hundred dollars, payable quarterly by warrants drawn upon the Grand Treasurer.

17. All other officers are hereby required to attend all the Convocations of this Grand Chapter, and to faithfully discharge the duties required in their charge of installation.

18. This Constitution can only be altered or amended by proposing the change in writing at an Annual Grand Convocation and if, after reference to and report on by a committee, it shall be concurred in by at least three-fourths of the members present, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

REPRESENTATION.

1. The High Priest, King and Scribe of each Subordinate Chapter, in good standing within this Grand Jurisdiction, may appoint a proxy to fill his place in the Grand Chapter, but no other member of the Grand Chapter (as such) shall have this right.

2. Every subordinate Chapter of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to three votes and no more, whether represented by officers or by proxies. No Companion can represent more than one Chapter, of which he must be a member; and no officer, member or representative can have more than four votes in any case whatever.

3. No representative shall be entitled to a seat in this Grand Chapter until the annual returns and dues of his Chapter have been delivered to the Grand Secretary and his receipt obtained therefor.

SESSION COMMITTEES.

4. At each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, as soon as practicable after its organization, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following named committees of three members each:

5. On Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine the credentials of all claiming the right of membership, and report their names and Masonic connection to the Grand Chapter.

6. A Committee to Examine Visiting Companions, whose duty it shall be to examine all visitors not properly vouched for, and report their names, address and Masonic connection to the Grand Chapter.

7. A Committee on Returns and Work of Chapters U. D., whose duty it shall be to examine the records, returns of work and the By-Laws proposed, and make report thereon, together with such recommendations as in their judgment will be for the best interest of the Craft.

8. A Committee on Appeals and Grievances, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all appeals, memorials and petitions, in relation to matters of complaint which should come before the Grand Chapter.

9. A Committee on Finance, Mileage and Per Diem, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and financial matters to them referred, and to make full report thereon before the close of each Annual Convocation; also, to ascertain and report the sums to which each member and representative is entitled on account of traveling expenses and per diem.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

10. Before the close of each Annual Convocation, the Grand High Priest shall appoint Standing Committees of three each for the ensuing year, as follows:

11. On Masonic Jurisprudence, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all questions and documents requiring investigation; also, all decisions upon points of Masonic law.

12. On Masonic Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to examine the correspondence and documents from other Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter, and report at the next Annual Convocation all matters of importance and interest, and at the conclusion of their report on each Grand Jurisdiction, add the decisions of the Grand High Priest which received the approval of the Grand Chapter.

PAY OF MEMBERS.

13. The Grand Officers, members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and Masonic Correspondence, and the officer highest in rank, or, in the absence of officers, the representative highest in rank from each Chapter in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$3 per day for each day's actual attendance at the sessions of the Grand Chapter. They shall also be allowed their traveling expenses going and returning from their place of residence; *provided*, the same has not been paid by the Grand Lodge; *and provided*, no one shall receive pay both as Grand Officer and Grand Rep-

representative; *provided further*, that in case of absence from any regular sessions of the Grand Chapter, without the consent of the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest, all claims to compensation under this section shall be forfeited.

PERTAINING TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

14. No dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter shall be granted except upon the petition of at least nine Royal Arch Masons in good standing, each of whom shall sign his full name, and state the Chapter to which he belongs or hails from, in addition to such general information as may be necessary for the Grand High Priest to act intelligently. The petition shall specially set forth the name of the town and the county in which the new Chapter is to be located, and that they will conform to the orders of the Grand High Priest and the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and shall present the names of suitable Companions for appointment as High Priest, King and Scribe.

15. The petition shall be accompanied by the minimum fee of ninety dollars, and by a recommendation from the nearest chartered Chapter, certifying to the truth of the statements contained in the petition.

16. The petition shall also be accompanied by evidence of the standing of all the signers, as follows: If from Chapters beyond this jurisdiction, by dimits; if from within this jurisdiction, by dimits or certificates from the Chapter Secretaries, certifying to their good standing, and that their dues are paid up to the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

17. Existing membership shall only be disturbed when a charter follows a dispensation, in which event they shall immediately cease in the old and begin in the new.

18. Each Chapter under dispensation shall be governed by the By-Laws pertaining to Subordinate Chapters as adopted by this Grand Chapter, and at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, forward to the Grand Secretary its dispensation, returns of work, record of proceedings, proposed By-Laws and the sum of three dollars for each Mason exalted.

19. No Chapter shall do any work out of the regular order, unless by dispensation from the Grand High Priest, and any Chapter working under such dispensation shall return the same to the Grand High Priest, with an endorsement of the action had thereon.

20. A petition from a Chapter to the Grand High Priest for a dispensation, shall set forth fully the emergency, and shall be accompanied with a fee of one dollar, which shall be paid to the Grand Secretary for the general fund.

CHARTERS AND NEW CHAPTERS.

21. Charters shall be granted by the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocations only, and under no circumstances shall such power be vested in the Grand High Priest, or any other officer.

22. No charter shall be granted except the Chapter shall have worked under dispensation and regularly conferred all of the degrees.

23. Charters shall only be granted upon the written petition of the Companions named in the dispensation and those made by its authority; together with such others as present dimits, and shall have received the unanimous consent of the Chapter U. D. to join in the petition.

24. Petition for charters shall propose the name of the new Chapter; also the names of the Companions selected for High Priest, King and Scribe. Yet the Grand Chapter may appoint others instead thereof.

25. The minimum fee for the issuance of a charter shall be ten dollars.

26. It is not in the power of a majority of the members of a Chapter to surrender its charter, so long as nine of its members continue to meet and work under it.

27. The Grand Chapter shall recall the charter of any Chapter that fails to meet for twelve consecutive months; or that neglects to make returns or pay dues for the period of two years.

28. When the charter of a Chapter under this Grand Jurisdiction shall have been surrendered or arrested, the status of the members will be that of non-affiliated Royal

Arch Masons. After the demise of any such Chapter, the Secretary of such Chapter shall forward to the Grand Secretary, together with the charter and all other property of said Chapter, a certified list of all members in good standing at the time, and the amount of dues owing by each. And it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, upon the application of any of said members, to issue to each member a certificate of former membership, *provided* he shall pay to the Grand Secretary the amount of dues owing by him at the time of the demise. Which certificate shall be recognized, the same in all respects as a regular dimit.

29. Whenever any charter of a Chapter shall be destroyed, stolen or surreptitiously taken and detained, or becomes so defaced as to be unfit for use, without the fault of the Chapter or High Priest, it shall be lawful for the Grand High Priest to order another to be issued, which shall set forth the members and officers named in the charter lost, detained or destroyed. the Grand Convocation at which it was granted, the names of the Grand Officers attached thereto, and the circumstances of its loss, destruction or detention; and shall be signed by the Grand High Priest and attested by the Grand Secretary under seal of the Grand Chapter, without fee.

RETURNS AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS.

30. Each Chapter shall, immediately after its annual installation, report to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary the names of its High Priest, King, Scribe and Secretary.

31. Each chartered Chapter shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, at least twelve days prior to each Annual Grand Convocation, full returns of all work done from the last returns up to and including the thirty-first day of August.

32. Each chartered Chapter shall pay to the Grand Secretary annually, as dues, the sum of sixty cents for each Companion who is a member thereof at the time. and the sum of three dollars for each Companion exalted during the year.

33. Grand Chapter dues are hereby made payable at the time of making annual returns of work; any Chapter neglecting to pay at the time specified, and shall con-

tinue so to do for the period of sixty days, without furnishing reasons satisfactory to the Grand High Priest, it shall be his duty to suspend the functions of such Chapter until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. (See also Grand Chapter By-Law No. 3.)

34. The Grand Chapter may order suspended or forfeited the charter of any Chapter which fails for two successive years to be represented at the Grand Chapter Convocations.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.

35. The High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary of every subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be elected by ballot at the first stated Convocation in December of each year. All other officers may be elected or appointed as the By-Laws may provide.

36. Any Royal Arch Mason in good and regular standing is eligible to the office of High Priest in his Chapter.

37. A reelected High Priest may, if necessary, hold over without reinstallation, but he should be reinstalled, and all other officers must be reinstalled.

38. A majority of all the votes cast will be necessary to elect.

39. No election of officers shall be had in a Chapter U. D. Such as are not designated in the dispensation shall be filled by order of the High Priest.

40. Installations must be held prior to and not later than December 27th. No Chapter shall hold a public installation without a dispensation.

41. All the officers of a newly chartered Chapter must be installed by the Grand High Priest, or his representative. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

JURISDICTION.

42. Unless otherwise specified, Chapter jurisdiction shall extend by air line half way to surrounding Chapters.

43. Two or more Chapters in the same city shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction, except when otherwise specified.

44. Each Chapter having concurrent jurisdiction with another Chapter or other Chapters shall immediately notify the same of any application it may receive for the degrees.

PETITIONS.

45. No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted to a Chapter in this jurisdiction as a member or visitor, unless he shall have received the degrees of E. A., F. C., M. M., M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. Nevertheless, when such cases are presented, the Chapter may, upon satisfactory proof of the worthiness of the applicant, proceed to confer the intermediate degrees of M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. without extra charge.

46 a. No Chapter shall receive a petition for degrees, or for membership, unless the applicant is a member in good standing of some lawfully constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. (See Decision No. 67.)

46 b. No subordinate Chapter shall receive and act upon the petition for Capitular degrees unless the applicant has resided within the jurisdiction of that Chapter during the immediate preceding six months, and shall have been a Master Mason for that period.

47. After a petition is regularly received and entered upon the minutes it cannot be withdrawn.

48. All petitions for degrees, or for membership, when regularly received, must be laid over at least four weeks before being balloted upon.

49. Subordinate Chapters shall not act upon a petition for the degrees from an applicant who resides in the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without first obtaining the unanimous consent of the latter at a stated Convocation, which consent shall be expressed by ballot. Any Chapter that shall knowingly violate this section, shall be required to pay over to the Chapter whose jurisdiction has been invaded, the sum that said Chapter charges for the degrees.

50. No petition for affiliation shall be received by a Chapter unless accompanied by a dimit from the Chapter of which the applicant was last a member.

51. No Chapter shall collect a fee for affiliation.—
See decision 53.

BALLOTING.

52. No ballot shall be spread except at a stated Convocation, unless by dispensation.

53. In balloting for candidates, all members present shall vote.

54. After the ballot has been examined, first by the Scribe and King, and finally by the High Priest, the result shall be declared by the latter, unless a single negative vote appear, in which event he may order it re-spread, the result of which shall be final, and subject to no reconsideration whatever.

55. No Mason shall divulge the character of his vote upon the petition of any candidate.

REJECTION.

56. The petition of a rejected applicant for the degrees shall not be received within twelve months by another Chapter, without the unanimous consent, by ballot, of that which rejected him.

57. Subordinate Chapters may provide by By-Law the length of time that must elapse between a rejection and another application, provided it be not less than six months.

58. One ballot elects to all the degrees.

OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

59. Advancement to the degrees may be stayed at any time, for good cause, by the Chapter or by the High Priest.

60. After the election of an applicant to receive the degrees, and an objection is made to his advancement by a member of the Chapter, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with full power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next stated Convocation, report thereon; and, if no just cause for the objection be found, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic cause, the Chapter may confer the degrees in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

CONFERRING DEGREES.

61. Within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, the several degrees of the M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch Mason shall not be conferred for a less sum than \$50, to be paid by the candidate before the reception of each degree, in such sums as may be required by the Chapter By-Laws.

62. Every Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall keep a proper book of marks in which shall be recorded the mark of each and all its members.

63. No candidate shall be exalted until he shall have chosen his mark and the same has been recorded.

QUALIFICATIONS.

64. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be simply that he be able to conform strictly to all which the ritual of the degrees makes necessary.

65. It is hereby made the imperative duty of every Chapter under this jurisdiction to restrain, as far as possible, the Masonic crime of intemperance by trial and punishment, as the case may require. It shall be unlawful to advance or affiliate any person who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. All companions are therefore fraternally admonished to refrain from engaging in the liquor traffic.

66. The use of substitutes shall not be practiced for the purposes of rapid advancement, or for mere convenience; but only when the Council of the Chapter shall be convinced that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby, and under no circumstances will the use of more than one substitute be permitted.

DIMITS.

67. No Chapter shall grant a dimit except upon written application, which shall lie over until the next stated Convocation, when, if no charges have been pre-

ferred and the dues of the Companion have been paid, the dimit shall be ordered and issued.

68. No elected or appointed officer shall be dismissed during the period for which he has been installed.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

69. Any Royal Arch Mason within this Grand Jurisdiction, who has been suspended from a Lodge for any cause, shall be deprived of all rights and privileges in the Chapter, or to hold Masonic intercourse with Royal Arch Masons, until reinstated by the Lodge which suspended him. The notation by the Chapter on its records of the action of the Lodge in cases of suspension or reinstatement shall be all that is necessary to suspend or reinstate him to his former standing in every respect.

70. Expulsion by a Lodge carries the same penalty in the Chapter. The adoption by the Chapter of the action had by the Lodge will be sufficient, without the formality of a trial by the Chapter.

PENALTIES.

71. The Masonic punishment which may and shall be inflicted by the Grand Chapter and its subordinates, shall be either reprimand, definite or indefinite suspension, or expulsion.

72. Expulsion from a Chapter shall include expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

73. A reprimand may either be private or public, but shall not be given until the offender has had due notice and an opportunity for explanation or excuse, nor by any one but the Acting High Priest, in the manner and form he may deem proper in private, or in open Chapter, from his appropriate station.

74. When any companion shall be suspended or expelled, immediate notice thereof shall be sent by the Chapter Secretary to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall compile such reports at the end of each month, and send the same to each Chapter. No member shall be permitted to make any expulsion or suspension

public, nor to communicate the same to any person not a Mason, except by a resolution to make public by the Chapter taking action, and which fact shall also be reported to the Grand Secretary. All expulsions and suspensions shall also be published with the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

APPEALS.

75. All Masons have the right to appeal from the decisions of Subordinate Chapters to the Grand Chapter any time before the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in which case the Chapter shall furnish the Grand Chapter and the accused with an attested copy of its proceedings on the trial, and such testimony in its possession as he may require.

76. All appeals shall be in writing and filed with the Grand Secretary, and the appellant shall give the other party reasonable notice thereof.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

77. The non-payment of Chapter dues by a companion known to be able is cause for discipline.

78. On report of the Secretary that a companion is in arrears for two years or more, a Chapter may order charges, signed by the Scribe, in the following form:

"By order of..... Chapter No...., Royal Arch Masons, I hereby charge Companion.....with unmasonic conduct in neglecting to pay Chapter dues from the.....day of.....to the.....day of.....

"Dated....., 18....

".....Scribe."

79. Examination shall be in open Chapter, and the testimony of the Secretary as to the indebtedness and requests for payment shall be sufficient evidence for the prosecution. Nevertheless, the Chapter may exercise such clemency as to it may seem proper, according to the circumstances of each case.

80. The only penalty for conviction under charges for non-payment of dues shall be reprimand or indefinite suspension from all the rights and benefits of Royal Arch

Masonry; but reprimand shall not be inflicted for a second offense.

81. An application for restoration, after indefinite suspension for non-payment of dues shall not be received until all dues are paid to the date of suspension.

RESTORATION.

82. In case the decision of any Chapter suspending or expelling a companion shall be reversed by the Grand Chapter, such companion shall be restored to all the rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Chapter.

83. No expelled Mason shall be restored to the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry except by a vote of the Grand Chapter, and such restoration shall not reinstate him to Chapter membership without the unanimous consent of the members thereof.

84. An application to reinstate an expelled Mason must in all cases be accompanied with a recommendation from the Chapter by which he was expelled, provided such Chapter be still in existence.

85. Restoration after definite suspension shall take place at the expiration of the time specified in the sentence, without further action.

86. Restoration after indefinite suspension shall be by action of the Chapter at a Stated Convocation, after due notice to the Chapter of at least one lunar month, and must be by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS.

87. It shall not be lawful for a Chapter to hold Convocations on the Sabbath day for any purpose whatever, except to attend the funeral of a Mason.

88. The delivery or teaching of any Masonic work not authorized, or which has not received the sanction of the Grand Chapter or its lawful authority, is forbidden.

89. Upon the demise of any Chapter, the Secretary and Treasurer of the same shall, within three months,

transmit to the Grand Secretary all the books, papers, jewels, furniture, funds and other property of the Chapter so demised.

90. The Grand High Priest is authorized, at the request of a Chapter, to change its location or place of meeting, but such a request must be made at a Stated Convocation, after notice given in open Chapter at least one lunar month before action is taken by the Chapter.

91. Honorary membership gives the right to speak in Chapter, but not to vote. It can not be conferred on a regular member of a Chapter by the same body.

92. Chapters and Committees on Charity shall require from applicants for assistance evidence of good standing before granting the same, and in the event such applicant shall prove to be an impostor or unworthy, such fact, with a full description of the impostor, shall be immediately reported to the Grand Secretary, whose duty it shall be to forthwith send notice of the same to all Chapters in this jurisdiction and the Grand Secretary of all the jurisdictions immediately adjoining.

93. Objection by a member present at a meeting of his Chapter to the visit of a companion at that Convocation shall exclude the visitor.

94. Changes in Chapter By-Laws shall only be operative after approved by the Grand High Priest.

95. This Grand Chapter recognizes no degrees in Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the various states and territories of the United States and the governments throughout the world, and the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several states and territories of the United States and other bodies under their jurisdiction, and the governments throughout the world.

It admits the above and the following named organizations, and none other, to be regular and duly constituted Masonic bodies, namely: The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the several states and territories of the United States and the Councils under their jurisdiction, the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Command-

eries of the several states and territories of the United States and the Commanderies under their jurisdiction, the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States, of which Henry L. Palmer and Thomas H. Caswell are Sovereign Grand Commanders, respectively, and the various bodies under their jurisdiction.

96. It is clearly the duty of the High Priest of a Chapter to suspend from office an officer of his Chapter for unbecoming or unmasonic conduct, in advance of charges and trial for such conduct.

97. In the case of a companion known to be unable to pay, his Chapter may remit and release him from payment of Chapter dues, provided that there be no By-Law of the Chapter prohibiting such action.

98. The apron shall be worn over the outer garment.

99. No Chapter shall incur any indebtedness beyond \$10 per capita, without the approval of the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter.

100. In all cases when a Chapter shall for any cause deem it necessary to discipline its members, the established forms of trial and the modes of punishment adopted by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, shall be observed in every essential detail by the Chapters under this Grand Jurisdiction.

101. The provisions of the Constitution, Laws and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Chapter, shall be the rules and regulations by which the action of the Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

102. These By-Laws, pertaining to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, can only be amended by proposing the change in writing at the Annual Grand Convocation, and if, after reference to and report thereon by a committee, it shall be concurred in by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, it shall become a part of these By-Laws.

DECISIONS AND EDICTS

NOW IN FORCE.

1. That the Ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America in 1891 be adopted by this Grand Chapter as the Ritual to be used by the several Chapters in this jurisdiction as soon as the same can be procured by the Grand Secretary, and that thereafter all other rituals or work be forbidden.—1893, page 18.

2. Resolved, That this Grand Chapter donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the proceedings of its sister Grand Chapters, and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on the condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Chapter.—1878, page 16.

3. It is not proper for Chapters under dispensation to receive petitions for affiliation.

4. Chapters have the authority to confer more than one degree at the same stated Convocation, or between two stated Convocations, on the same person.

5. A Chapter acquiring jurisdiction by waiver, after part of the degrees have been conferred, and conferring the rest of the degrees, collects fees for the degrees conferred by it according to its own schedule, and not by the schedule of the Chapter granting the waiver.—E. H. Collins, 1879, page 6.

6. The Grand High Priest should turn over the Grand Chapter funds which he collects to the Grand Secretary, instead of the Grand Treasurer.—1879, page 13.

7 and 8. Repealed in 1897.

9. Can a Chapter confer the degrees and then vote the fee back to the newly-made Companion?

No; because the law requires the payment of a certain sum of money for that which the Chapter confers; and its relinquishment immediately thereafter is to

purposely nullify the law. No Chapter should do in a roundabout way that which it can not do openly.

10. Has a Chapter the right to remit the dues of a member?

If the By-Laws specify that dues shall be paid, and contain no provision for their remission, it can only be done after an amendment to that effect. No By-Law can be temporarily set aside to accommodate a particular case.—R. W. Woodbury, 1882, page 8.

11a. Resolved, That Royal Arch Masons, to be in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction, must be, and continue to be, in good standing as Master Masons, and the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction will govern themselves accordingly.—1883, page 14.

11b. Repealed in 1897.

12. In the absence of Grand Chapter regulations, it is proper for the subordinate Chapters to use their own judgment as to the way that a Companion, dropped from the rolls, can be reinstated. But dropping from the rolls should not be permitted, but charges should be preferred as is now required by the Grand Lodge.—1884, page 15. See decision 54.

13. Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales has assumed jurisdiction in granting Charters to Mark Master Lodges within the territory and jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec;

Whereas, The Grand Chapter of Quebec has severed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., until it ceases and withdraws its illegal usurpations of the rights and invasions of the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter fully endorses the said action of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.—1884, page 18.

14. Actual measurement, and not facilities for travel, govern as to Chapter jurisdiction.

15. When a Chapter is asked to waive jurisdiction and permit the conferring of the remaining degrees, a reply stating that permission has been granted may be

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58. Life membership is forbidden in the future in subordinate Chapters.—1895, page 13.

59. Examination for advancement may be made at any time, before the Council or a majority thereof, and upon their satisfactory report the candidate may be permitted to advance.—1895, page 23.

60. That the Grand Secretary be instructed not to receive warrants of Chapters in payment of Grand Chapter dues or otherwise.—1895, page 27.

61. Repealed in 1897.

62. The fact of a Master Mason dimitting from his Lodge does not affect his status as a Royal Arch Mason.

63. Chapters under dispensation have the same territorial jurisdiction as chartered Chapters. George T. Cooper, 1896, page 11.

64. Repealed in 1897.

65. The Monitor formulated by Companions A. J. Hendricks, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Frederick Speed, of Vicksburg, Miss., entitled the "Signet of Royal Arch Masonry," was adopted as the Monitor to be used in the Chapters of this jurisdiction. (1897, page 28.)

66. *Resolved*, That it is hereby decreed that every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is required to have the inscription on the Arks used by them conform *absolutely* to the Ritual heretofore adopted by this Grand Chapter, and that said Ritual only shall be used in explanation of the said inscriptions. (1897, page 31.)

67. Question: Would it be proper for a Chapter to receive the petition of a Master Mason, formerly a member of a lodge whose charter was revoked three years since by the Grand Lodge, the Brother not having made application for a dimit or Grand Lodge certificate, and who claims he is not a voluntary non-affiliate?

Answer: No. The applicant not being a member of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. (See Grand Chapter By-Law No 46.) J. C. Sanford, 1899, page 12.

68. We commend the action of our Grand High Priest in refusing to grant special dispensations to subordinate Chapters to rush candidates through the several

48. A ballot taken when less than nine members of the Chapter are present is null and void, and a legal ballot should be taken.—W. W. Roller, 1892, page 11.

49. A Royal Arch Mason carrying a dimit can bring charges of unmasonic conduct against a member of a Chapter, provided he has maintained his Masonic standing in compliance with the law of this jurisdiction concerning non-affiliates.—1892, page 26.

50. Repealed, 1895.

51. The titles of the officers of a Chapter shall be as follows: The title of the High Priest shall be "Excellent" and that of all other officers "Companion." In Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, the title of the Master shall be "Right Worshipful," and of all other officers, "Brother."—1893, page 19.

52. That the Grand High Priest or his Deputy be authorized to visit each Chapter once each year, and instruct the Chapter, and that he be allowed three dollars per day and traveling expenses.—1893, page 20.

53. A By-Law providing that two years' dues should accompany a petition for affiliation, is in the nature of a fee for affiliation and is in conflict with the Grand Chapter By-Laws No. 55. (51.)

54. A By-Law providing for the dropping from the roll members delinquent in the payment of dues for over two years is invalid, being in conflict with decision No. 12.

55. The requirement as to examination only refers to the degrees conferred in the Chapter.

56. Decision 37, which reads: "A Companion cannot hold the office of High Priest and Treasurer at the same time," applies equally as well to the King and Scribe, or, in fact, to any other officers.—H. T. West, 1894, page 15.

57. That the several Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction be required to have their Arks properly inscribed, so that all may be uniform, and that the method of reading those Mystic characters be explained to the Candidates by the High Priest after they have received the principal secrets of the degree.—Grand Chapter, 1894, page 33.

39. By-Laws making it obligatory for a brother to be a Master Mason six months before petitioning for the Chapter degrees, are not in conflict with the General Grand Chapter Laws.—C. E. Olin, 1891, page 9.

40. It is proper to receive a petition of a Master Mason raised in a Lodge, U. D., whose dispensation was not renewed nor a Charter granted.

41. A Chapter has not the right to confer the Council degrees.

42. A Past High Priest can install the officers of a Chapter. It is not necessary to obtain permission from the Grand High Priest to install the regularly elected and appointed officers on or before December 27th.

43. It is the duty of the High Priest to show the ballot to the King and Scribe, and they should examine the same before the result is declared; if the High Priest has neglected to exhibit the ballot to these officers, while his action would be irregular, in the absence of an objection, the result of the ballot would not be affected.

44. It is not proper, in working the Royal Arch Degree, to carry one team through to the lecture, and then commence on a second team, giving the lecture to six or more at the same time.

45. It is proper for the Secretary, under the direction of the Chapter, to answer an official communication from a Commandery, asking for the standing of a member of a Chapter who is also a member of said Commandery.

46. A Chapter should not be called from labor to refreshment from one regular Convocation to another, but should be regularly opened and closed at each Convocation. Nine or more Royal Arch Masons should be present at the closing of the Chapter, but if that number should not be present the Chapter should be closed.

47. A companion "claiming that he received the Royal Arch degree in 1864, that the building with the records were burned, so the membership of the Chapter was never sent to the Grand Chapter and that he never visited his home Chapter, never dimitted or paid dues," can hardly be in good standing. A companion who has taken no pains for twenty-eight years to establish his standing as a Royal Arch Mason, has undoubtedly forfeited all claims to Masonic recognition.

mains with the Chapter to determine whether the payment of the dues during the interregnum, and for a period sufficient to make twenty consecutive years from the date of his first being a member of that Chapter, is a compliance with their By-Laws regulating life membership, and I can see no reason why payment of dues for twenty consecutive years by a member, even though during a portion of that period he was not affiliated, is not a fulfillment of the letter of the law.—E. L. N. Foster, 1888, page 12.

31. Secretaries are required to note on their minutes the fact that the report of Committee on Petitions was received, but not the character of the report.—1888, page 22.

32. A dispensation is necessary for the installation of officers who were not installed prior to the festival of St. John the Evangelist.

33. A Chapter receiving a petition, electing the applicant and afterwards granting a waiver of jurisdiction, can retain the fee which accompanied the petition.

The Chapter electing would not be entitled to all the fees. Their waiver of jurisdiction severed all claims they had over the brother. The brother should petition the Chapter receiving the waiver, and be balloted for.

If elected and degrees are conferred, the companion will be a member of the Chapter doing the work.

34. Non-payment of dues is sufficient cause for discipline under head of unmasonic conduct.

35. The fact of a brother's holding Lodge membership in another jurisdiction would not render him ineligible for the degrees in this jurisdiction.—W. T. Bridwell, 1889, page 11.

36. A verbal objection sent by another companion is not a legal objection to be observed by a Chapter.

37. A companion cannot hold the office of High Priest and Treasurer at the same time.—S. H. Thompson, 1890, page 14. See decision 56.

38. Question—Can we make Companion ——— a life member without dues? Answer—No. Your By-Laws prescribe the amount a companion must pay, and they cannot be set aside.

26. A companion having received the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees in a jurisdiction that does not recognize the Past Master's as one of the Chapter degrees, desiring to affiliate, it would be proper to regularly confer the degree of Past Master upon him, without fee.

27. All amendments to the By-Laws of subordinate Chapters made prior to October 7, 1886, so long as they do not conflict with the laws of the Grand Chapter, are operative; and the law of the subordinate Chapter, whether approved or not by the Grand High Priest.

28. A brother duly elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter, but who, for a long time does not present himself for them, has not forfeited his right to receive the degrees, and he is still within the jurisdiction of the Chapter electing him, unless the Chapter in which he was elected has a By-Law requiring candidates to appear within a certain period or forfeit their rights to the degrees. A Chapter should not receive or act upon a petition from such a brother until it is fully satisfied that it would not invade the jurisdiction of the Chapter that elected him. And of this it can only be assured by inquiring of said Chapter. If his rights are forfeited in the Chapter electing him, or if the Chapter electing him waives jurisdiction over him, he can apply in the regular way to the Chapter under whose jurisdiction he resides. If his rights have not been forfeited, the Chapter can request another Chapter to confer the degrees, in which event the brother would become a member of the Chapter electing him.

29. A brother having been elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter, is still under its jurisdiction, although he may have removed into the jurisdiction of another Chapter. The Chapter electing him can confer the degrees, or it may request another Chapter to confer them for it, in which event he would become a member of the Chapter electing him; or, it may waive jurisdiction over him and return him the fees paid, or not, as the Chapter may determine. But, having given no benefits, it would be right to return the fee.

30. If a member of a Chapter having a By-Law that its members, by paying dues for twenty years, become life members, dimitts and afterwards re-affiliates, it re-

construed to imply a waiver, though not so expressed in distinct terms.

16. When a brother who has been duly elected to receive the degrees in Chapter No. 1 removes to the jurisdiction of Chapter No. 2 before receiving them, he is still the material of No. 1.

17. When work is done at the request of a Chapter in another jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter fee for exaltation should not be paid, nor should the name be included in the annual returns. The records, however, should show all the facts.

18. A Chapter can try a member who has been indefinitely suspended from his Lodge. The member is already indefinitely suspended in the Chapter. The Chapter can only determine whether it will inflict a severer penalty.—L. N. Greenleaf, 1886, page 9.

19. A Chapter cannot be opened in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe.—1886, page 31.

20. Resolved, That all Chapters under this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby authorized to amend their By-Laws regarding the payment of dues, and are permitted and instructed to use such Masonic discretion in remitting them as will prevent any worthy companion suffering injustice from inability to pay.—1886, page 31; 1894, pages 18 and 35.

21. The right to vote and hold office inseparably belong to membership in a Chapter, and no member can be deprived of these rights except through charges properly preferred, and trial and conviction thereon.

22. The granting of a dimit severs the connection of a member with his Chapter.—C. C. Gird, 1887, page 9.

23. Quorum.—For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter, and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary. In the cases stated, nine Royal Arch Masons.—1887, page 13.

24. A petition for affiliation cannot be withdrawn. It must abide the ballot.

25. If, before the ballot, an objection be made to the candidate, the ballot can be taken; the companion objecting, has his recourse in the ballot.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Colorado met in annual convention at Masonic Temple, Denver, Thursday, September 21, 1899, A. Beo. 3810, at 8 o'clock p. m.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Lawrence Greenleaf.....	M. E. President
Marshall H. Dean.....	as E. V. President
Andrew Armstrong	as E. Chaplain
T. E. Shears.....	as E. Recorder and Treasurer
Wm. D. Peirce.....	E. Conductor
Ernest LeNeve Foster.....	E. Herald
Jethro C. Sanford.....	E. Guard

MEMBERS.

George L. Sites.	Ernst M. Lotz.
Charles F. Painter.	Charles H. Jacobson.
George T. Cooper.	Charles O. Unfug.
Horace H. Dubendorff.	Wm. L. Bush.
Alphonse A. Burnand.	

PETITIONS FOR THE ORDER.

The petitions of the following Companions who had been duly elected and installed as High Priests were presented, and on their being elected were received and anointed High Priests:

Matthew C. Barker, H. P. Cripple Creek Chapter No. 33.
 Wm. W. Field, P. H. P. Denver Chapter No. 2.
 F. L. Fiske, H. P. Denver Chapter No. 2.
 L. C. Moore, H. P. Cache la Poudre Chapter No. 11.
 W. D. Salter, P. H. P. Colorado Chapter No. 29.
 W. A. Shadbolt, H. P. Leadville Chapter No. 10.
 J. W. Ross, H. P. Glenwood Chapter No. 22.
 Geo. D. Kennedy, H. P. Colorado Springs Chapter No. 6.
 H. M. Mingay, H. P. Canon City Chapter No. 14.
 Fred Unfug, H. P. Walsenburg Chapter No. 27.
 Robert Faragher, H. P. Golden Chapter No. 5.
 Andrew Dingwall, H. P. Idaho Springs Chapter No. 30.
 I. N. McCue, H. P. Akron Chapter No. 26.
 H. B. Brown, H. P. Trinidad Chapter No. 23.
 Frank J. Holmes, H. P. Orient Chapter No. 32.
 William H. Trout, P. H. P. Canon City Chapter No. 14.
 William Young, H. P. South Pueblo Chapter No. 12.
 Geo. J. Dunbaugh, H. P. Pueblo Chapter No. 3.
 F. L. Bishop, H. P. Colorado Chapter No. 29.

RECORDER'S REPORT.

The following was presented and approved:

To the Council of the Order of High Priesthood:

I report as follows:

Balance on hand last report.....	\$22 00
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I have paid:

Thomas Linton's bill.....	4 50
Postage and expressage.....	3 40
Grand Royal Arch Chapter.....	14 10 22 00

Fraternally submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,

Recorder.

On motion the Recorder was directed to pay the bill of Thomas Linton rendered at this meeting.

On motion of E. Companion M. H. Dean, the following resolution was adopted:

That the fees for conferring the Order of High Priesthood be made \$3; the fee to include the presentation of a Bible to each candidate, and that the present class be presented with a Bible.

On motion of W. D. Peirce the following was adopted:

That this Council of Anointed High Priests of Colorado adopt the Chamberlain ritual.

On motion of Companion Peirce the following was adopted:

That the Grand High Priest-elect be requested to obtain the use of the Chapter room for the meeting of the order of High Priesthood at the next annual convention.

The annual election was held and the following officers elected and appointed:

Lawrence N. Greenleaf.....	President.
Ernest LeNeve Foster.....	V. President.
Andrew Armstrong.....	Chaplain.
Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Secretary and Treasurer.
Wm. D. Peirce.....	Master of Ceremonies.
J. C. Sanford.....	Conductor.
M. H. Dean.....	Herald.
Charles H. Jacobson.....	Steward.
George T. Cooper.....	Sentinel.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council closed in form.

L. N. GREENLEAF,
President.

Attest:

T. E. SHEARS, Acting Secretary.

LIST OF MEMBERS—1899.

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| Alkine, Osmer H. | Faragher, Robert. | Newnam, Edward B. |
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| Anderson, Peter | Field, William W. | Nohe, Phillip |
| Armington, John F. | Fletcher, Warren M. | |
| Armstrong Andrew | Foster, Ernest LeNeve | Olin, Ceylon E. |
| Ashbaugh, Abraham | | Olney, Henry C. |
| Atkinson, Sharon | Gibbs, Wesley J. | |
| | Gird, Christopher C. | Painter, Charles F. |
| Barker, Matthew C. | Goldsworthy, Wm. | Park, Andrew |
| Barbour, Thomas F. | Greenleaf, Lawrence N. | Parmelee, Ed. C. |
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| Bigler, Jacob A. J. | | Peabody, Jas. Hamilton |
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| Branch, Albert H. | Harris, Mark A. | Petriklin, John M. B. |
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| Collins, Edward H. | Kennedy, Geo. D. | Shears, Thomas E. |
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| Cornish, Thomas | Legge, Orr | Sites, George L. |
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| Dingwall, Andrew | Monahan, Deane | Trout, William H. |
| Dubendorff, Horace H. | McKee, Thomas R. | |
| Durand, C. Ward | McNiven, Daniel | Unfug, Charles Otto |
| Dunbaugh, Geo. J. | McNulty, James | Unfug, Fred. |
| | McCue, Isaac N. | |

Vickery, George C.

Weaver, George

West, Henry Tracy

Wheeler, Charles H.

Whittemore, Oliver A.

Williams, John

Williams, Ralph

Woodbury, Joseph A.

Woodbury, Roger W.

Young, William.

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Barton, C. T.

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Brooks, Orson

Carr, Byron L.

Childs, Francis L.

Edmunds, Merritt C.

Everett, Francis E.

Fish, Charles R.

Hambel, John R.

Harvey, Richard

Henry, Oren H.

McCoy, James B.

Richards, Norman P.

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Webster, John W.

Wilson, John M.

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